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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Lemay for André Bellavance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Jeremy LeBlanc, Committee Clerk.

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Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.



Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, October 19, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Marc Lemay for André Bellavance.

In attendance: House of Commons: Jeremy LeBlanc, Committee Clerk. Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Lloyd St. Amand, it was agreed, — That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Carol Skelton, it was agreed, — That Jeremy Harrison be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of André Bellavance, it was agreed, — That Bernard Cleary be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Nancy Karetak-Lindell took the Chair.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with the study of routine motions.

Gary Lunn moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of four (4) members, the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, and one (1) member of the New Democratic Party.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the Committee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Committee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

Sue Barnes moved, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present including a member of the opposition and a member of the government.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Jim Prentice, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding the words "other than the Chair" after the word "Government".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

Pat Martin moved, — That an organization be given up to fifteen (15) minutes at the discretion of the Chair for their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated nine (9) minutes for the questioner of the official opposition, seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the other parties, starting with the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party, and that thereafter three (3) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner (alternating between Opposition parties and Government).

Debate arose thereon.

Sue Barnes moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "fifteen minutes" by "ten (10) minutes" and replacing "nine (9) minutes for the questioner of the official opposition, seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the other parties, starting with the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Liberal Party, and that thereafter three (3) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner (alternating between Government and Opposition parties)" by "ten(10) minutes for the first questioner of each party, with the possibility to share this time between two questioner of one party, and thereafter, five (5) minutes be allocated to each other member (alternating between Government and Opposition parties".

By unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "fifteen (15) minutes by "ten (10) minutes", by replacing "three (3) minutes" by "five (5) minutes", by adding after the word "each subsequent questioner" the following "until each member had the chance to question the witness, and leaving at the discretion of the Chair the possibility to reduce de time limits of the second round of questions if time is running out".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

On motion of Gary Lunn, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for a third representative be at the discretion of the Chair.

Gary Lunn moved, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee documents only when they exist in both official languages.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Bernard Cleary, it was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "languages" the following: "and that no document from a witness be distributed without the Clerk's approval; but, at the discretion of the Chair, the question could be discussed by the members of the Committee and, afterwards, document could be distributed if it receives unanimous consent".

On motion of Gary Lunn, it was agreed, — That the Committee be authorized to purchase documents for the use of the Committee.

On motion of Gary Lunn, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That whenever the Main Estimates or Supplementary Estimates are referred to the Committee, the Committee invite the Minister and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee and, if possible, that it be televised.

On motion of David Smith, it was agreed, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee and, if possible, that it be televised.

Gary Lunn moved, — That, except for amendments to bills, substantive motion be considered by the Committee only if notice has been given before the beginning of the meeting; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages.

After debate, by unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

It was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, twenty-four (24) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages.

Bernard Cleary moved, — That the Committee invites the Kanesatake Grand Chief, James Gabriel, to testify as soon as possible to review the situation of the elections.

It was agreed, — That the study of the motion submitted by Bernard Cleary be deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed, — That the Committee study future business on Thursday, October 21, 2004.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 2

Thursday, October 21, 2004

IN CAMERA



eting No. 2

ursday, October 21, 2004

e Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:04 a.m. this day, in om 269 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

mbers of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-dell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

e Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

9:45 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

10:00 a.m., the sitting resumed.

vas agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure meets Tuesday, October 26, 2004, from 9:00 a,m, 0:00 a.m..

as agreed, — the Committee meets Tuesday October 26, 2004, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

vas agreed, — That the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and n-Status Indians be invited to appear Thursday October 28, 2004 regarding the Main Estimates.

11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

04/10/25 4:10 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

IN CAMERA



eeting No. 3

esday, October 26, 2004

e Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 10:06 a.m. this day, in om 308 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

embers of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetakndell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, David Smith and Roger Valley.

ting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Lloyd St. Amand.

attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

e Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — That Ms. Sylvia Haines, from the Office of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development I Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, be admitted to in camera meetings of the Committee.

vas agreed, — That the Committee study the motion of Bernard Cleary, regarding the elections process in nesatake, prepare a list of potential witnesses and a budget for Bill C-14 during its meeting of November 2, 2004.

was agreed, — That the Committee study the question of compensations received by First Nations veterans during its eting of November 4, 2004.

was agreed, — That the Committee begin consideration of Bill C-14 during its meeting of November 16, 2004, if it is erred to Committee.

was agreed, — That the motion agreed on October 19, 2004, regarding composition of the Subcommittee on Agenda d Procedure, be amended, by replacing the words "four (4) members, the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, and one (1) ember of the New Democratic Party" by "five (5) members, the Chair, one (1) Government member other than the rliamentary Secretary, the two Vice-Chairs, and one (1) member of the New Democratic Party".

11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25 and 30 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT; referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains for Lloyd St. Amand.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;
Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 4

Thursday, October 28, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Navdeep Bains for Lloyd St. Amand.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2004-2005: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, L20, L25 and 30 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT; referred to the Committee on Friday, October 8, 2004.

The Chair called Vote 1 under DIAND Operating Expenditures.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Pursuant to the notice of motion of 24 hours agreed on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, Pat Martin gave notice of the following motion:

That this Committee rejects approval for the \$89,610,833.33 in Vote 1 intended for DIAND Operating Expanses, and that this money be applied to make up some of the \$321.4 Million cut from programs intended to reduce poverty and improve social conditions

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee study the question of questioning of witnesses during its meeting of November 2, 2004..

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

IN CAMERA



Meeting No. 5

uesday, November 2, 2004

he Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in the Wood West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, at Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

cting Members present: Claude Bachand for André Bellavance.

nattendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

he Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$93,950.00, for the period of November 2, 2004 to March 1, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Liaison Committee.

was agreed, — That the Committee invites the Kanesatake Grand Chief, James Gabriel, to testify as soon as possible review the situation of the elections.

was agreed, — That, notwithstanding the motion adopted on October 19, 2004 during questioning of witnesses, order questioning between opposition parties for the second and third round begins with Conservative Party, followed by e Bloc Québécois and the New Democratic Party (and that alternance between Government and Opposition parties ontinue).

10:20 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

004/11/04 4:04 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 4, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced its study on the parity between compensation received by First Nations veterans and other veterans

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes
André Bellavance
Bernard Cleary
Jeremy Harrison
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Gary Lunn
Pat Martin
Jim Prentice
David Smith
Lloyd St. Amand
Roger Valley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst

WITNESSES:

National Metis Veterans Association: Edgar Borchert, President.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Lila Duffy, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender
Equality Directorate;

Sandra Ginnish, Directeur General, Treaties, Research,
International and Gender Equality Branch.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Bryson Guptill, Director, Program & Service Redesign

Modernization Task Force, Veterans Services Branch.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Allan MacDonald, Director, Office of the Federal Interlocutor
for Métis and Non Status Indians.

Department of Veterans Affairs:

Sandra Williamson, Acting Director, Program Policy Directorate,

Veterans Services Branch.

Métis National Council:

David Chartrand, Manitoba Metis Federation.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, November 4, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Metis Veterans Association: Edgar Borchert, President. Department of Indian Affairs and Worthern Development: Lila Duffy, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality Directorate; Sandra Ginnish, Directeur General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch. Department of Veterans Affairs: Bryson Guptill, Director, Program & Service Redesign Modernization Task Force, Veterans Services Branch. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Allan MacDonald, Director, Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non Status Indians. Department of Veterans Affairs: Sandra Williamson, Acting Director, Program Policy Directorate, Veterans Services Branch. Métis National Council: David Chartrand, Manitoba Metis Rederation.

fursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the parity between compensation exerved by First Nations veterans and other veterans.

by unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, for the purpose of its study on the parity between compensation received by First Nations veterans and other veterans, written briefs would be considered as testimonies by the committee.

the witnesses made statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent, Jim Prentice moved, — That, on behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank all leterans, including aboriginal Canadians, including members of First nations, Inuit communities, Métis Canadians, or their record of military service to Canada. The Committee acknowledges the testimony that we have heard egarding discrepancies, in terms of how aboriginal Canadians were treated upon their return from their years of ervice. The Committee asks the Government to pursue that matter and this Committee will, in the future, pursue that matter.

bebate arose thereon.

11:05 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

004/11/16 4:21 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Minister of State (Northern Development); Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Richard Ashton, Assistant Negotiator, Comprehensive Claims
Branch.

Department of Finance:

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section.

Department of Justice:

Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Comprehensive Claims & Northern Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paula Isaak, Associate Chief Federal Negotiator - Northwest

Territories, Comprehensive Claims Branch.

Department of Justice:

James Stringham, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section/Public Law Group.



Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, November 16, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Minister of State (Northern Development); Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Richard Ashton, Assistant Negotiator, Comprehensive Claims Branch. Department of Finance: Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section. Department of Justice: Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Comprehensive Claims & Northern Affairs. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paula Isaak, Associate Chief Federal Negotiator - NWT, Comprehensive Claims Branch. Department of Justice: James Stringham, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section/Public Law Group.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Ministers made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/16 3:51 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 18, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Dogrib Treaty 11 Council:

Charlie Jim Nitsiza, Deputy Grand Chief;
John B. Zoe, Chief Negotiator;
Eddie Erasmus.

Pape and Salter:

Bertha Rabesca Zoe, Legal Counsel; Colin Jesse Salter, Legal Counsel; Richard B. Salter, Legal Counsel.

John B. Zoe made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.



Meeting No. 8

Thursday, November 18, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Dogrib Treaty 11 Council: Charlie Jim Nitsiza, Deputy Grand Chief; John B. Zoe, Chief Negotiator; Eddie Erasmus. Pape and Salter: Bertha Rabesca Zoe, Legal Counsel; Colin Jesse Salter, Legal Counsel; Richard B. Salter, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Charlie Jim Nitsiza made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

John B. Zoe made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That December 2, 2004 be the last meeting with witnesses appearing on Bill C-14.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That December 3, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. be the deadline to submit amendments on bill C-14 to the legislative clerks of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee start clause by clause of Bill C-14 on December 7, 2004.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/19 8:32 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
David Smith
and Lloyd St. Amand.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Lynn Myers for Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Government of the Northwest Territories:

Roy Erasmus, Director, Negotiations, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs;

Joseph Handley, Premier and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs; John Holden, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, November 23, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, David Smith and Lloyd St. Amand.

Acting Members present: Lynn Myers for Roger Valley.

In attendance: House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk. Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Government of the Northwest Territories: Roy Erasmus, Director, Negociations, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs; Joseph Handley, Premier and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs; John Holden, Legal Counsel, Department of Justice.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

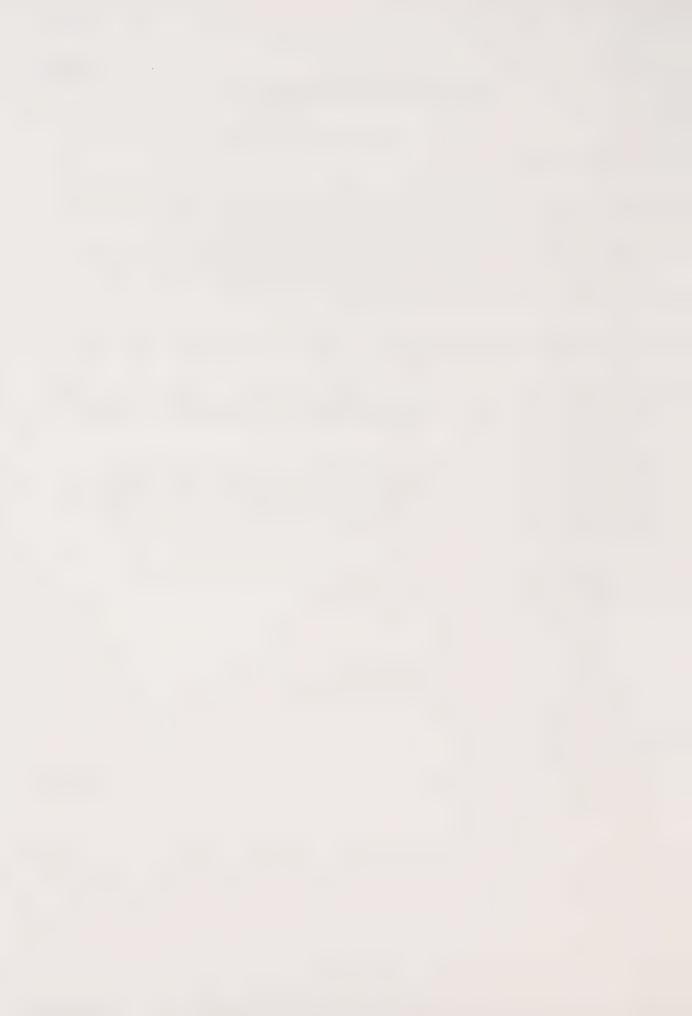
Hon. Joseph Handley made a statement and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 10:32 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/11/24 2:23 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 25, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes
André Bellavance
Bernard Cleary
Jeremy Harrison
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Pat Martin
Jim Prentice
David Smith
Lloyd St. Amand
Roger Valley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

National Chief Phil Fontaine; Chief Bill Erasmus, Regional Office, NWT; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

Meeting No. 10

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Lembers of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

hattendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. House of Commons: hann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Vitnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Bill Erasmus, Chief, Regional Office, NWT; landice Metallic, Legal Counsel.

Aursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-4, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

hil Fontaine and Bill Erasmus made statements and answered questions.

ly unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee amend the agenda for the current meeting to permit the mestioning of witnesses after 10 a.m., if desired.

At 10:24 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

It 10:30 a.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

he Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Iwas agreed, — That whips staffs be authorized to be present to in camera meetings of the Committee and that the Committee reexamine this decision in the future if needed.

lwas agreed, — That, notwithstanding motions adopted on November 18, 2004, the members of the Committee abmit to the Clerk of the Committee all their proposed amendments to Bill C-14 no later than 5:00 p.m. on lovember 30, 2004; and that the Committee begin clause by clause study of Bill C-14 on December 2, 2004.

Iwas agreed, — That the Committee invite the Hon. Andy Scott to appear and other appropriate witnesses to testify a Bill C-20 on December 7, 2004; that the Committee begin clause by clause study of Bill C-20 on December 9, 304; and that the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk of the Committee all their proposed amendments Bill C-20 no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 8, 2004.

t 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu

Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/03 11:44 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.
House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board: Todd Burlingame, Chairman.

NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation: Archie Catholique.

North Slave Metis Alliance:
Robert "Sholto" Douglas;
Bill Enge, President.

NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation:

Peter Liske;
Sharon Manyfingers Venne, Chief Negociator;
Alan Pratt, Legal Counsel.

As an Individual:
Jim Martin.

Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board: William A. Tilleman, Board Counsel.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, November 30, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board: Todd Burlingame, Chairman. NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation: Archie Catholique. North Slave Metis Alliance: Robert "Sholto" Douglas; Bill Enge, President. NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation: Peter Liske; Sharon Manyfingers Venne, Chief Negociator; Alan Pratt, Legal Counsel. As an Individual: Jim Martin. Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board: William A. Tilleman, Board Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee review an operational budget for the study of Bill C-14 before it addresses its agenda.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 14,000.00 for the period of November 30, 2004 to March 31, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

The witnesses made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the document entitled *Akaitcho Treaty & First Nations: Submission to Standing Committee On Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development*, presented by NWT Treaty & Tribal Corporation, be appended to today's Evidence and Minutes of Proceedings (See Submission).

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the document entitled Agreement Between the Tlicho First Nation and Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah), Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Ndilo), Lutsel K'E First Nation and Deninu Kue First Nation, presented by NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation, be appended to today's Evidence and Minutes of Proceedings (See the Agreement).

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/03 4:12 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 2, 2004

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, in the absence of the Chair, the Hon. Sue Barnes be empowered to report Bill C-14 to the House of Commons

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes
André Bellavance
Bernard Cleary
Jeremy Harrison
Gary Lunn
Pat Martin
Jim Prentice
Carol Skelton
David Smith
Lloyd St. Amand

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Nancy Karetak-Lindell Scott Simms for Roger Valley

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Richard Ashton, Assistant Negotiator, Comprehensive Claims Branch.

Department of Finance:

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section.

Department of Justice:

Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Comprehensive Claims & Northern Affairs.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paula Isaak, Associate Chief Federal Negotiator - Northwest Territories, Comprehensive Claims Branch.

Department of Justice:

James Stringham, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section/Public Law Group.

Jean-Philippe Brochu
Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Jeremy Harrison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith and Lloyd St. Amand.

Acting Members present: Larry Bagnell for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Scott Simms for Roger Valley.

In attendance: House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk. Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Richard Ashton, Assistant Negotiator, Comprehensive Claims Branch. Department of Finance: Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section. Department of Justice: Mary Douglas, Legal Counsel, Comprehensive Claims & Northern Affairs. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paula Isaak, Associate Chief Federal Negotiator - Northwest Territories, Comprehensive Claims Branch. Department of Justice: James Stringham, Counsel, Human Rights Law Section/Public Law Group.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 2, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-14, An Act to give effect to a land claims and self-government agreement among the Tlicho, the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Government of Canada, to make related amendments to the Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

Clause 2 carried on division.

Clause 3 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Larry Bagnell, Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Pat Martin, Scott Simms, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand — 8; NAYS: Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton — 3.

Clause 4 carried on division.

Clause 5 carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Larry Bagnell, Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Pat Martin, Scott Simms, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand — 8; NAYS: Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton — 3.

Clauses 6 to 111 inclusive carried on division severally.

The Short Title carried on division.

The Title carried.

The Preamble carried on division.

The Bill carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That, in the absence of the Chair, the Hon. Sue Barnes be empowered to report Bill C-14 to the House.

At 9:18 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/03 1:49 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 19, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-20, An Act to provide for real property taxation powers of first nations, to create a First Nations Tax Commission, First Nations Financial Management Board, First Nations Finance Authority and First Nations Statistical Institute and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Marc Boulianne for Bernard Cleary.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk;

APPEARING:

Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

First Nations Statistics Institute:

Tom Bressette, Interim Chairperson, Advisory Panel, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point.

First Nations Financial Management Advisory Board: Harold Calla, Chairman, Councillor, Squamish Nation.

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:
Strater Crowfoot, Chairman.

First Nations Finance Authority:

Deanna Hamilton, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:
Clarence (Manny) Jules, Spokesperson, First Nations Fiscal and
Statistical Management Act.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Brenda Kustra, Director General of Governance, Lands and Trust
Services - First Nations Governance Directorate.

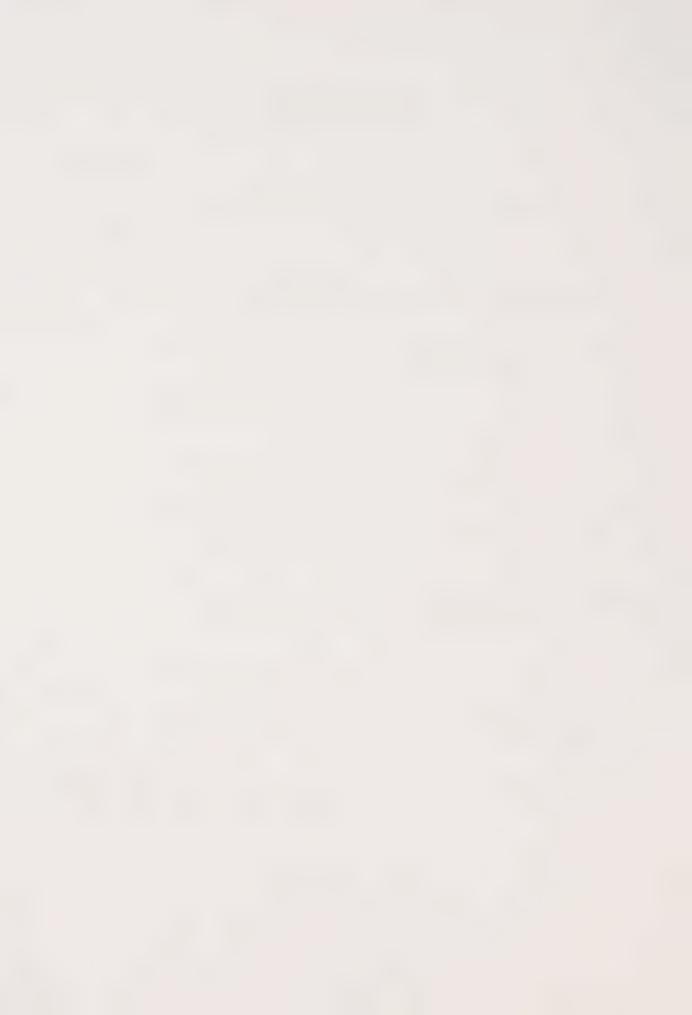
First Nations Finance Authority:
Tim Raybould, Senior Policy Advisor.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paul Salembier, General Counsel, Legislative initiatives, Legal Services.

Clarence (Manny Jules), Deanna Hamilton, Harold Calla, Tom Bressette and Strater Crowfoot made statements and answered questions.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee





Meeting No. 13

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:04 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Marc Boulianne for Bernard Cleary.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: First Nations Statistics Institute: Tom Bressette, Interim Chairperson, Advisory Panel, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point. First Nations Financial Management Advisory Board: Harold Calla, Chairman, Councillor, Squamish Nation. Indian Taxation Advisory Board: Strater Crowfoot, Chairman. First Nations Finance Authority: Deanna Hamilton, President and Chief Executive Officer. Indian Taxation Advisory Board: Clarence (Manny) Jules, Spokesperson, First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Brenda Kustra, Director General of Governance, Lands and Trust Services - First Nations Governance Directorate. First Nations Finance Authority: Tim Raybould, Senior Policy Advisor. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul Salembier, General Counsel, Legislative initiatives, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 19, 2004, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-20, An Act to provide for real property taxation powers of first nations, to create a First Nations Tax Commission, First Nations Financial Management Board, First Nations Finance Authority and First Nations Statistical Institute and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Minister made a statement, and with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 9:57 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Clarence (Manny Jules), Deanna Hamilton, Harold Calla, Tom Bressette and Strater Crowfoot made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/08 10:48 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 9, 2004

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 19, 2004, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-20, An Act to provide for real property taxation powers of first nations, to create a First Nations Tax Commission, First Nations Financial Management Board, First Nations Finance Authority and First Nations Statistical Institute and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Claude Bachand for Bernard Cleary.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk;

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Hon. Sue Barnes, London West.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Brenda Kustra, Director General of Governance, Lands and Trust Services - First Nations Governance Directorate; Paul Salembier, General Counsel, Legislative initiatives, Legal Services.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 14

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Claude Bachand for Bernard Cleary.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. House of Commons: Susan Baldwin, Legislative Clerk; Jean-François Lafleur, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Hon. Sue Barnes, London West. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Brenda Kustra, Director General of Governance, Lands and Trust Services - First Nations Governance Directorate; Paul Salembier, General Counsel, Legislative initiatives, Legal Services.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 19, 2004, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-20, An Act to provide for real property taxation powers of first nations, to create a First Nations Tax Commission, First Nations Financial Management Board, First Nations Finance Authority and First Nations Statistical Institute and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

On Clause 2,

Sue Barnes moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 14 and 15 on page 4 with the following:

the schedule in order to

(a)add or change the name of the band; or

(b) delete the name of the band, as long as there are no amounts owing by the band to the First Nations Finance Authority that remain unpaid.

The question was put on the amendment of Sue Barnes and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 11: NAYS: 0.

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

Clause 3 carried.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 4, be amended by replacing lines 21 to 24 on page 4 with the following:

4. The council of a first nation <u>may not</u> make a law under <u>paragraph</u> 5(1)(d) until the council has made a law respecting the financial administration of the first nation under paragraph 9(1)(a) and that law has been approved by the First Nations Financial Management Board.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

Clauses 5 to 8 inclusive carried severally.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 9, be amended by

- (a) replacing lines 5 and 6 on page 10 with the following:
- (2) A law made under subsection (1) by a borrowing member, including any amendment
- (b) replacing lines 10 to 16 on page 10 with the following:
 - (3) A law made under subsection (1) comes into force on the latest of
- (a) the day on which it is made,
- (b) the day of coming into force set out in the law, and
- (c)in the case of a law or amendment made by a borrowing member, the day after it is approved by the First Nations Financial Management Board.
- (c) replacing line 26 on page 10 with the following:
- (a) review a financial administration law submitted to the Board;

Clause 9, as amended, carried.

Clauses 10 to 18 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 19,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 19, be amended by adding after line 8 on page 13 the following:

"(1.1) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding the appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 19 carried.

On Clause 20,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 19 on page 13 the following:

"(1.1) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding each appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 28 on page 13 the following:

"(2.1) Before an appointment is made under subsection (2), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding each appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (2)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 20 carried.

Clauses 21 to 39 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 40,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 40, be amended

(a) by replacing line 30 on page 20 with the following:

"40. (1) On the recommendation of the Minister,"

(b) by adding after line 35 on page 20 the following:

"(2) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding the appointment and the Minister shall

take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Clause 40 carried.

On Clause 41,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 41, be amended by adding after line 7 on page 21 the following:

"(1.1) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding each appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

Clause 41 carried.

Clauses 42 to 83 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 84.

Sue Barnes moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 84, be amended by replacing lines 2 and 3 on page 38 with the following:

shall withhold 5% of the amount of any <u>long-term</u> loan to a borrowing member <u>for financing capital</u> infrastructure for the provision of local services on reserve lands and deposit that amount in

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Sue Barnes and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 0.

Clause 84, as amended, carried.

Clauses 85 to 94 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 95,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 95, be amended

- (a) by replacing line 28 on page 42 with the following:
- "95. (1) On the recommendation of the Minister,"
- (b) by adding after line 31 on page 42 the following:
- "(2) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding the appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Clause 95 carried.

On Clause 96,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 96, be amended

- (a) by replacing line 32 on page 42 with the following:
- "96. (1) On the recommendation of the Minister,"
- (b) by adding after line 36 on page 42 the following:
- "(2) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding each appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Clause 96 carried.

Clauses 97 to 101 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 102,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 102, be amended by adding after line 26 on page 43 the following:

"(1.1) Before an appointment is made under subsection (1), every first nation shall be given an opportunity to make representations to the Minister regarding the appointment and the Minister shall take those representations into account and make them public before making a recommendation to

the Governor in Council under subsection (1)."

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 8.

Clause 102 carried.

Clauses 103 to 105 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 106,

Sue Barnes moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 106, be amended by

(a) replacing line 6 on page 46 with the following:

the Institute and the first nation, other aboriginal group, department,

(b) replacing line 13 on page 46 with the following:

unless the first nation, other aboriginal group, department, agency,

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Sue Barnes and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

Clause 106, as amended, carried.

Clauses 107 to 144 inclusive carried severally.

On Clause 145,

Sue Barnes moved, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 145, be amended by replacing line 31 on page 60 with the following:

to (7) apply to amendments

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Sue Barnes and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 9; NAYS: 0.

Clause 145, as amended, carried.

On Clause 146.

Sue Barnes moved. — That Bill C-20 be amended by deleting Clause 146.

Debate arose thereon.

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it proposed the deletion of the clause, as provided on page 656 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

By unanimous consent, Clause 146 was negatived.

Clauses 147 to 151 inclusive carried severally.

On motion of Sue Barnes, it was agreed, — That Bill C-20, in Clause 152, be amended by replacing line 25 on page 62 with the following:

law of a band made under those Acts, and

Clause 152, as amended, carried.

Clause 153 carried.

On Clause 153.1,

Sue Barnes moved, — That Bill C-20 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 63 the following new clause:

Westbank First Nation Self-Government Act

"153.1 The Westbank First Nation Self-Government Act is amended by adding the following after section 8:

8.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Act or the Agreement, for the purpose of enabling the Westbank First Nation to benefit from the provisions of the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act or obtain the services of any body established under that Act, the Governor in Council may make any regulations that the Governor in Council considers necessary, including regulations

(a) adapting any provision of that Act or of any regulation made under that Act; and

(b) restricting the application of any provision of that Act or of any regulation made under that Act.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the amendment of Sue Barnes and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 10; NAYS: 0.

Clause 153.1 carried.

Clauses 154 and 155 carried severally.

The Short Title carried.

Schedule 1 carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED. — That the Chair report the Bill ,as amended, to the House.

ORDERED. — That Bill C-20, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 9:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2004/12/10 3:46 p.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, February 3, 2005

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eeting No. 15

ursday, February 3, 2005

ne Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day. in 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

'embers of the Committee present: Sue Barnes. André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-indell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

he Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

was agreed, — That the Committee follow this schedule:

ebruary 8, 2005: Funding of Post-Secondary Education Study.

bruary 10, 2005: Study on Asbestos Laden Vermiculite on Reserves.

bruary 15, 2005, February 17, 2005 and February 22, 2005: Residential School Resolution Study.

bruary 24, 2005: Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support.

arch 8, 2005: Study on the Slaughtering of Nunavik Inuit Dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

arch 10, 2005: Study on the Slaughtering of Nunavik Inuit Dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

arch 22, 2005 and March 24, 2005, April 5, 2005, April 7, 2005, April 12, 2005 and April 14, 2005: On-Reserve atrimonial Real Property Study.

12:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

05/02/07 3:05 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), study of the decision to tax amounts received by First Nation students under post-secondary education funding programs

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Richard Jock, Executive Director; Dawn Maracle, Senior Advisor, Education; Robert Watts, Chief of Staff; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel.

Aboriginal Peoples Council of Toronto: Roger Obonsawin, Chair.

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation:
Roberta Jamieson, Chief Executive Director.

Ontario Native Education Counselling Association: Kimberly Smith-Spencer, President.

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency:

Wayne Adams, Director General, Income Tax Rulings
Directorate, Policy and Planning Branch;
Yves Gingras, Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy
Branch, Employment and Education.

Department of Finance:

Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Intergovernmental Tax Policy, Evaluation and Research Division, Tax Policy Branch.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch.

As Individual:

Lenny Carpenter, Student.

Richard Jock, Roger Obonsawin, Roberta Jamieson and Kimberly Smith-Spencer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Wayne Adams and Line Paré made statements and, with Annie Carrier and Yves Gingras, answered questions.



Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Richard Jock, Executive Director; Dawn Maracle, Senior Advisor, Education; Robert Watts, Chief of Staff; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel. Aboriginal Peoples Council of Toronto: Roger Obonsawin, Chair. National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation: Roberta Jamieson, Chief Executive Director. Ontario Native Education Counselling Association: Kimberly Smith-Spencer, President. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency: Wayne Adams, Director General, Income Tax Rulings Directorate, Policy and Planning Branch; Yves Gingras, Chief, Personal Income Tax Division, Tax Policy Branch, Employment and Education. Department of Finance: Annie Carrier, Chief, First Nations Taxation Section, Intergovernmental Tax Policy, Evaluation and Research Division. Tax Policy Branch. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch. As an Individual: Lenny Carpenter, Student.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the decision to tax amounts received by First Nation students under post-secondary education funding programs.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with consideration of the budgets for the next three studies before starting hearing witnesses .

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$6,100.00 for the period of February 8, 2005 to March 31, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee for the study on Asbestos Laden Vermiculite on Reserves.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,400.00 for the period of February 8, 2005 to March 31, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee for the study on residential school resolution.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$15,500.00 for the period of February 8, 2005 to March 31, 2005 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee for the study on the slaughtering of Nunavik Inuit dogs from the mid-1950's to the late 1960's.

Richard Jock, Roger Obonsawin, Roberta Jamieson and Kimberly Smith-Spencer made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Wayne Adams and Line Paré made statements and, with Annie Carrier and Yves Gingras, answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/14 8:44 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on asbestos laden vermiculite on reserves.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance, and Judi Longfield for Sue Barnes.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT:

Bev Desjarlais.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:

Allan Aitken; Raven Thundersky.

Assembly of First Nations:

Lance Haymond, Chief, AFN/QL Eagle Village, member of National Chiefs Committee on Housing and Infrastructure; Carl Johnson, Senior Housing Consultant, National Office.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Gilles Rochon, Director General, Infrastructure and Housing; Jules Hébert, Director, Housing; Susan Burgess, Counsel, Legal Services.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Bill Smith, Vice-President, Assisted Housing; Deborah Taylor, Director, Assisted Housing Division.

Raven Thundersky, Allan Aitken and Lance Haymond made statements and, with Carl Johnson, answered questions.

Gilles Rochon and Bill Smith made statements and answered questions.

Meeting No. 17

Thursday, February 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance and Judi Longfield for Sue Barnes.

Associate Members present: Bev Desjarlais.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Allan Aitken; Raven Thundersky. Assembly of First Nations: Lance Haymond, Chief; Carl Johnson, Senior Housing Consultant. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Gilles Rochon, Director General, Infrastructure and Housing; Jules Hébert, Director, Housing; Susan Burgess, Counsel, Legal Services. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Bill Smith, Vice-President, Assisted Housing; Deborah Taylor, Director, Assisted Housing Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on asbestos laden vermiculite on reserves.

Raven Thundersky, Allan Aitken and Lance Haymond made statements and, with Carl Johnson, answered questions.

At 12:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:23 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Gilles Rochon and Bill Smith made statements and answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/15 3:59 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell. Lib.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Aboriginal Healing Foundation:

Michael DeGagné, Executive Director;

Wayne Spear, Senior Communications Officer.

National Residential School Survivor Society: Ted Quewezance, Chairman.

Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association: Michael A. Cachagee, Director.

Indian Residential School Survivors Society:
Robert Joseph, Chief, Indian Residential Schools Resolution
Canada.

National Consortium of Residential School Survivors' Counsel: Craig Brown.

David Paterson Law Corporation:
David Paterson, Lawyer.

Cohen Highley LLP:
Russell Raikes, Lawyer, Litigation Department.

Ted Quewezance, Michael A. Cachagee and Chief Robert Joseph made statements and, with Michael DeGagné and Wayne Spear, answered questions.

David Peterson, Russell Raikes and Craig Brown made statements and, answered questions.

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Jeremy Harrison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Other Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Aboriginal Healing Foundation: Michael DeGagné, Executive Director; Wayne Spear, Senior Communications Officer. National Residential School Survivor Society: Ted Quewezance, Interim Chairman. Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association: Michael A. Cachagee, Director. Indian Residential School Survivors Society: Robert Joseph, Chief. National Consortium of Residential School Survivors' Counsel: Craig Brown. David Paterson Law Corporation: David Paterson, Lawyer. Cohen Highley LLP: Russell Raikes, Lawyer, Litigation Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

Michel DeGagné made a statement.

At 11:14 a.m., Nancy Karetak-Lindell took the Chair.

Ted Quewezance, Michael A. Cachagee and Chief Robert Joseph made statements and, with Michael DeGagné and Wayne Spear, answered questions.

At 12:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

David Peterson, Russell Raikes and Craig Brown made statements and, answered questions.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/16 3:42 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.Lib.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 17, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Carr for Sue Barnes, and Roy Cullen for David Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Spirit Wind Association:
Raymond Mason, Chairperson.

Troniak Law Office:

Dennis Troniak, Counsel.

As Individuals:

Ruth Roulette:

Flora Merrick, Residential School Survivor, ADR Applicant; Grace Daniels, Residential School Survivor, ADR Applicant.

Association for the Survivors of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School:

Nora Bernard, Director; John McKiggan, Legal counsel.

As Individuals:

Alfred Joseph Beaver; Jon Faulds, Legal counsel.

Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat: Hon. Ted Hughes, Chief Adjudicator.

Dennis Troniak, Ruth Roulette, Flora Merrick, Grace Daniels and Raymond Mason made statements and answered questions.

Nora Bernard, Alfred Joseph Beaver, Jon Faulds and the Hon. Ted Hughes made statements and answered questions.

Meeting No. 19

Thursday, February 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day. in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Gary Carr for Sue Barnes and Roy Cullen for David Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Spirit Wind Association: Raymond Mason, Chairperson. Troniak Law Office: Dennis Troniak, Counsel. As Individuals: Ruth Roulette; Flora Merrick, Residential School Survivor, ADR Applicant; Grace Daniels, Residential School Survivor, ADR Applicant. Association for the Survivors of the Shubenacadie Indian Residential School: Nora Bernard, Director; John McKiggan, Legal counsel. As Individuals: Alfred Joseph Beaver; Jon Faulds, Legal counsel. Indian Residential Schools Adjudication Secretariat: Hon. Ted Hughes, Chief Adjudicator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

Dennis Troniak, Ruth Roulette, Flora Merrick, Grace Daniels and Raymond Mason made statements and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

At 12:40 p.m. the sitting resumed.

Nora Bernard, Alfred Joseph Beaver, Jon Faulds and the Hon. Ted Hughes made statements and answered questions.

At 1:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/02/22 12:02 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for David Smith, and Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Bernard G. Fournier, Procedural Clerk:

APPEARING:

Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

WITNESSES:

Office of Indian Residential Schools Resolution of Canada: Mario Dion, Deputy Minister.

Canadian Bar Association:

Jeffrey Harris, Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Christopher Devlin, Vice-Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Joan Bercovitch, Senior Director, Legal and Government Affairs.

Assembly of First Nations:
Phil Fontaine, National Chief.

University of Calgary:

Kathleen Mahoney, Professor, Faculty of Law.

As an Individual:

Elmer Courchesne, Elder.

The witnesses from the Canadian Bar Association and Phil Fontaine made statements and, with Kathleen Mahoney, answered questions.

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, February 22, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for David Smith and Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Bernard G. Fournier, Procedural Clerk.

Appearing: Hon. Anne McLellan, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Witnesses: Office of Indian Residential Schools Resolution of Canada: Mario Dion, Deputy Minister. Canadian Bar Association: Jeffrey Harris, Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Christopher Devlin, Vice-Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Joan Bercovitch, Senior Director, Legal and Government Affairs. Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief. University of Calgary: Kathleen Mahoney, Professor of Law. As an Individual: Elmer Courchesne, Elder.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

The Minister made a statement and, with Mario Dion, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed with consideration of operational budgets.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$68,500 for the study on On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property, for the period of February 22, 2005 to December 31, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Pat Martin, it was agreed, — That the proposed revised budget in the amount of \$36,700 for the study on Residential School Resolution, for the period of February 8, 2005 to March 31, 2005, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

The witnesses from the Canadian Bar Association and Phil Fontaine made statements and, with Kathleen Mahoney, answered questions.

At 1:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/02 2:05 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada;
Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
André Côté, Director.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy, Regional Operations
Support and Services;
Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 21

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada; Ronald Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; André Côté, Director. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy, Regional Operations Support and Services; Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 5, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Education Program and Post-Secondary Student Support of the November 2004 Report of the Auditor General of Canada.

The Auditor General and Paul LeBlanc made opening statements and, with André Côté and Line Paré, answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Miriam Burke Committee Clerk

2005/02/24 4:47 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the slaughtering of Inuit dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Sue Barnes, and Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Makivik Corporation:

Pita Aatami, President
George Koneak, Elder;
Johny Watt, Elder;
Johnny Peters, Vice-President, Ressource Development;
Mark Papiqatuk;
Jocelyn Barrett, Legal Advisor;
Lisa Koperqualuk;
Adamie Alaku, Vice-President, Economic Development;
Willie Cain.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

Kevin Vickers, Director General, National Contract Policing Branch, Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services.

Pita Aatami. George Koneak and Johny Watt made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Sue Barnes and Yvon Lévesque for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

From the Senate: Hon. Charlie Watt, Senator.

Witnesses: Makivik Corporation: Pita Aatami, President; George Koneak, Elder; Johny Watt, Elder; Johnny Peters, Vice-President, Ressource Development; Mark Papiqatuk; Jocelyn Barrett, Legal Advisor; Lisa Koperqualuk; Adamie Alaku, Vice-President, Economic Development; Willie Cain. Royal Canadian Mounted Police: Kevin Vickers, Director General, National Contract Policing Branch, Community, Contract and Aboriginal Policing Services.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the slaughtering of Inuit dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

Pita Aatami, George Koneak and Johny Watt made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Kevin Vickers made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/09 3:17 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 10, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the slaughtering of Inuit dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Batters for Jim Prentice, Gary Carr for Hon. Sue Barnes, and Mark Warawa for Gary Lunn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Qikiqtani Inuit Association:

Thomas Alikatuktuk, President Julia Demcheson, Interpreter; Alisee Joamie, Elder; Joanasie Maniapik, Elder; Joshua Kango.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, March 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Dave Batters for Jim Prentice, Gary Carr for Hon. Sue Barnes and Mark Warawa for Gary Lunn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

From the Senate: Hon. Charlie Watt, Senator.

Witnesses: Qikiqtani Inuit Association: Thomas Alikatuktuk, President; Julia Demcheson, Interpreter; Alisee Joamie, Elder; Joanasie Maniapik, Elder; Joshua Kango.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the slaughtering of Inuit dogs from the mid-1950s to the late 1960s.

Thomas Alikatuktuk, Joanasie Maniapik and Alices Joanie made statements and answered questions.

Bernard Cleary moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development undertook a study on the slaughtering of Inuit sled dogs in the North between 1950 and 1970; that, to get to the bottom of the matter, the Committee request that the government appoint, before April 15, 2005, a superior court judge to inquire into the matter; and that this individual submit a report to the government, the Committee and the Speaker of the House of Commons three (3) months following his/her appointment.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Senator Watt be authorised to address the Committee on the motion.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Dave Batters, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Pat Martin, Mark Warawa — 6; NAYS: Gary Carr, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand, Roger Valley — 4.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That this motion be considered as a draft report and that this draft report be adopted.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

The Committee resumed consideration of the slaughtering of Inuit Dogs from the mid 1950s to the late 1960. Questioning of the witnesses resumed.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/03/11 2:13 p.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helena Guergis for Carol Skelton, Lui Temelkovski for David Smith, and David Tilson for Gary Lunn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch;

Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor.

Department of Justice:

Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives.

eting No. 24

esday, March 22, 2005

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:19 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West ck, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

mbers of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-dell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

ing Members present: Helena Guergis for Carol Skelton, Lui Temelkovski for David Smith and David Tilson for Gary in.

nttendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Inesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, search, International and Gender Equality Branch; Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor. Department of Justice: Margaret ist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives.

suant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property.

Martin moved, — That the Committee proceed with consideration of the next item on the agenda: notice of motion of Martin (notice given on February 21, 2005).

e question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

Martin moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 108 (2), the Committee consider the Assembly of First Nations port on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan to Compensate for Abuses in Indian Residential Schools;

at the Committee note the thoughtful and constructive recommendations contained in that report;

at the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House;

at the Chair present the report to the House; and

at, pursuant to Standing Orders 109, the Committee request that the Government present a comprehensive response to report.

bate arose thereon.

unanimous consent, Pat Martin moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

e question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

12:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.



MINUTES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 24, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes André Bellavance Bernard Cleary Jeremy Harrison Pat Martin Jim Prentice Carol Skelton David Smith Lloyd St. Amand Roger Valley

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith Tom Lukiwski for Gary Lunn and Lui Temelkovski for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor
Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch



Meeting No. 25

Thursday, March 24, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Jeremy Harrison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, Tom Lukiwski for Gary Lunn and Lui Temelkovski for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor; Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch.

On motion of Jim Prentice, it was agreed, — That the Committee resume its study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for the Resolution of Residential School Claims for the purpose of considering a draft report.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

Jim Prentice presented a draft report.

The Committee commenced consideration of the draft report.

Debate arose thereon.

Carol Skelton moved, — That the draft report be amended by deleting the words "That the Committee requests a comprehensive response, pursuant to Standing Order 109 and".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Carol Skelton and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

Pat Martin moved, — That the draft report be amended by adding, after the words "The Government engage in a court supervised negotiations with former students to achieve a court approved, court enforced, settlement for compensation that relieves the Government of its liability for those students who are able to establish a cause of action and a lawful entitlement to compensation" the following ", using as a framework the Assembly of First Nations report: "Assembly of First Nations Report on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan to Compensate for Abuses in Indian Residential Schools" and the Canadian Bar Association report "The Logical Next Step: Reconciliation Payments for All Indian

Residential School Survivors".

Debate arose thereon.

Roy Cullen moved, — That the amendment to the draft report be amended by adding, after the words "The Logical Next Step: Reconciliation Payments for All Indian Residential School Survivors" the following ", except in those cases when a student who attended Residential Schools is not willing to accept compensation based on a positive experience in those schools".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Roy Cullen and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 9.

Roy Cullen moved, That the draft report be amended by adding, after the paragraph "5. The Government expedite the settlement of those claims involving aggravated circumstances, including those involving sexual and severe physical abuse in a separate restorative judicial process" the following paragraph "5.a Based on the recommendations 1 to 5 outlined in the draft report, the Government prepare a full costing of the proposal whether it meets the requirements after F.A. Act and an assessment of the fiscal capacity of the Government to implement these proposals".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Roy Cullen and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 6.

After debate, the question was put on the report, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 5.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Clerk be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:16 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property.

Sandra Ginnish and Wendy Cornet made statements and, with Margaret Buist, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee meet exceptionally for a three hours meeting on April 5, 2005.

At 1:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/04 11:41 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Jim Aldridge, General Counsel, Barrister & Solicitor, Nisga'a Lisims Government.

Department of Justice:

Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives.



Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Jim Aldridge, General Counsel, Barrister & Solicitor, Nisga'a Lisims Government. Department of Justice: Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Margaret Buist made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:03 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jim Aldridge made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/06 9:36 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 7, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
David Smith
and Roger Valley.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Kadis.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As an Individual:

Danalyn MacKinnon, Barrister, Solicitor, Beamish MacKinnon Law Office.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor;

Maureen McPhee, Director General, Self-Government Branch;

Bruce Cooper, Senior Policy Analyst, Land Directorate, Lands and

Trust Services:

Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch;

Cindy Calvert, Senior Policy Advisor, First Nations Land

Management Initiative, Lands Branch.

Department of Justice:

Bernadette MacLeod, Counsel.

Maureen McPhee and Paul Fauteux made presentation and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

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Meeting No. 27

Thursday, April 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, David Smith and Roger Valley.

Other Members present: Susan Kadis.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: As an Individual: Danalyn MacKinnon, Barrister, Solicitor, Beamish MacKinnon Law Office. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Wendy Cornet, Special Advisor; Maureen McPhee, Director General, Self-Government Branch; Bruce Cooper, Senior Policy Analyst, Land Directorate, Lands and Trust Services: Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch; Cindy Calvert, Senior Policy Advisor, First Nations Land Management Initiative, Lands Branch. Department of Justice: Bernadette MacLeod, Counsel.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Danalyn McKinnon made a presentation and answered questions

At 12:04 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Maureen McPhee and Paul Fauteux made presentation and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/08 3:27 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell. Lib.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, Marcel Gagnon for André Bellavance, and Lynne Yelich for Gary Lunn.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvon Godin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Lands Advisory Board:

Chief Robert Louie, Chairman; Chief Austin Bear; William McCue, Counsellor; Chief Frank Whitehead; Barry Seymour.

Assembly of First Nations:

Chief Tina Leveque; Candice Metallic, Associate Legal Counsel; Marie Frawley-Henry, Senior Policy Analyst.

Native Women's Association of Canada:

Beverley Jacobs, President; Cherlyn Billy, AHRDA Coordinator; Marilyn Buffalo, Member.

Chief Tina Leveque made a statement and, with Candice Metallic, answered questions.

Carmen DePape Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, April 12, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, Marcel Gagnon for André Bellavance and Lynne Yelich for Gary Lunn.

Other Members present: Yvon Godin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. House of Commons: Jean-Philippe Brochu, Committee Clerk.

Witnesses: Lands Advisory Board: Chief Robert Louie, Chairman; Chief Austin Bear; William McCue, Counsellor; Chief Frank Whitehead; Barry Seymour. Assembly of First Nations: Chief Tina Leveque; Candice Metallic, Associate Legal Counsel; Marie Frawley-Henry, Senior Policy Analyst. Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President; Cherlyn Billy, AHRDA Coordinator; Marilyn Buffalo, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Chief Robert Louie and Chief Austin Bear made statements and, with William McCue, Chief Frank Whitehead and Barry Seymour, answered questions.

At 12:11 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Tina Leveque made a statement and, with Candice Metallic, answered questions.

At 1:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Beverley Jacobs made a statement and, with Marilyn Buffalo, answered questions.

At 1:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carmen DePape Committee Clerk

2005/04/15 8:55 a.m.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Jeremy Harrison, CPC

Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 14, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the onreserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Ken Epp for Gary Lunn, and Bradley R. Trost for Jim Prentice.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Winnipeg:

Larry Chartrand, Director, Aboriginal Governance Program.

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University: Kent McNeil, Professor.

As an Individual:
Bonnie Leonard, Lawyer.

Bernard G. Fournier Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 29

Thursday, April 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Vice-Chair, Jeremy Harrison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Roy Cullen for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Ken Epp for Gary Lunn and Bradley R. Trost for Jim Prentice.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Winnipeg: Larry Chartrand, Director, Aboriginal Governance Program. Osgoode Hall Law School, York University: Kent McNeil, Professor. As an Individual: Bonnie Leonard, Lawyer.

Pat Martin moved, — That the Committee proceed to the consideration of his motion respecting the dispute resolution plan which was moved and debated at the meeting of March 22, 2005.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 3.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Pat Martin, — That, pursuant to Standing Orders 108 (2), the Committee consider the Assembly of First Nations Report on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan to Compensate for Abuses in Indian Residential Schools;

That the Committee note the thoughtful and constructive recommendations contained in that report;

That the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House;

That the Chair present the report to the House; and

That, pursuant to Standing Orders 109, the Committee request that the Government present a comprehensive response to the report .

Roy Cullen moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the last paragraph with the following:

"That the Committee requests that the Government consider these recommendations in its ongoing discussions with the Assembly of First Nations and other partners".

Debate arose thereon.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Larry Chartrand and Kent McNeil made statements and answered questions.

Bonnie Leonard made a statement.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bernard G. Fournier Committee Clerk

2005/04/20 2:53 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee commenced the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Sue Barnes, Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, Gary Goodyear for Carol Skelton, Tom Lukiwski for Jeremy Harrison, and Ted Menzies for Gary Lunn.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality.

Department of Justice:

Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives; Tom Vincent, Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.



Meeting No. 30

Tuesday, April 19, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for Hon. Sue Barnes, Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, Gary Goodyear for Carol Skelton, Tom Lukiwski for Jeremy Harrison and Ted Menzies for Gary Lunn.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Holly King, Acting Director, Women's Issues and Gender Equality. Department of Justice: Margaret Buist, Counsel, Legislative Initiatives; Tom Vincent, Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Committee resumed the study on the Effectiveness of the Government Alternative Dispute Resolution Process for Resolution of Indian Residential Schools Claims.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Pat Martin, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee consider the Assembly of First Nations Report on Canada's Dispute Resolution Plan to Compensate for Abuses in Indian Residential Schools;

That the Committee note the thoughtful and constructive recommendations contained in that report;

That the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House;

That the Chair present the report to the House; and

That, pursuant to Standing Orders 109, the Committee request that the Government present a comprehensive response to the report.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Roy Cullen, — That the motion be amended by replacing the last paragraph with the following: "That the Committee requests that the Government consider these recommendations in its ongoing discussion with the Assembly of First Nations and other partners.".

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Roy Cullen and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Pat Martin, Lloyd St. Amand, Roger Valley — 5; NAYS: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Gary Goodyear, Jeremy Harrison, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice — 6.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Sue Barnes, Roy Cullen, Pat Martin, Lloyd St. Amand, Roger Valley — 5; NAYS: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Gary Goodyear, Jeremy Harrison, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice — 6.

At 11:47 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:50 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Tom Vincent and Margaret Buist made statements and, with Holly King, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Chief Strater Crowfoot be invited on April 21, 2005 along with other witnesses to be determined by the Chair and the Clerk of the Committee.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:57 p.m., the meeting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development deplore the fact that the Government has not followed up on the Committee's recommendation about the slaughter of sled dogs and thus reiterates its request that the Government reassure the Inuit by appointing a superior court judge, as quickly as possible, to investigate every aspect of the slaughter of sled dogs and that this judge table a report in the House of Commons no later than three (3) months after being appointed.

At 1:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/22 9:15 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Jeremy Harrison, CPC

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 21, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the onreserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Indian Taxation Advisory Board:
Chief Strater Crowfoot, Chairman.



Meeting No. 31

Thursday, April 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Vice-Chair, Jeremy Harrison, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Indian Taxation Advisory Board: Strater Crowfoot, Chairman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Chief Strater Crowfoot made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/04/21 1:49 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.



Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met by videoconference at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Mary Eberts made a statement and answered questions.

Chief R.K. (Joe) Miskokomon made a statement.

At 12:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/03 3:42 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 5, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

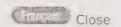
Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Saskatchewan:
Patricia Monture, Professor, Department of Sociology.

Quebec Native Women Inc.: Ellen Gabriel, President.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 33

Thursday, May 5, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met by videoconference at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Saskatchewan: Patricia Monture, Professor, Department of Sociology. Quebec Native Women Inc.: Ellen Gabriel, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

Patricia Monture made a statement and answered questions.

Ellen Gabriel made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/05 1:37 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 10, 2005





Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:28 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Jim Prentice, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee commenced a discussion for the drafting of a report.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/11 11:40 a.m.



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 17, 2005



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Meeting No. 35

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee resumed its discussion for the drafting of a report.

At 12:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/18 1:52 p.m.



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 31, 2005



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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/05/31 2:09 p.m.



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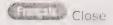
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, June 1, 2005





Meeting No. 37

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/02 3:04 p.m.



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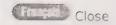
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 2, 2005





Meeting No. 38

Thursday, June 2, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst; Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the on-reserve matrimonial real property.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:57 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the report be entitled: Walking Arm-in-Arm to Resolve the Issue of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and researchers be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

ORDERED, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

At 12:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/02 3:59 p.m.



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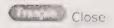
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 7, 2005





Meeting No. 39

Tuesday, June 7, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report entitled Walking Arm-in-Arm to Resolve the Issue of On-Reserve Matrimonial Real Property.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee start a study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement on Thursday June 9, 2005.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the Study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement in the amount of \$ 16,600, for the period of June 7, 2005 to December 31, 2005 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget for the study of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada (First Nations Oil and Gas and Moneys Management Act), for consideration by the Committee on June 14, 2005.

At 12:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/08 4:20 p.m.



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 40

Thursday, June 9, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Todd Norman Russell for Hon. Sue Barnes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Labrador Inuit Association:

William Andersen III, President; Toby Andersen, Chief Land Claims Negotiator; Veryan Haysom, Legal Counsel, Negociator; Zippie Nochasak, Vice President; Mary Simon, Advisor.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 40

Thursday, June 9, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Todd Norman Russell for Hon. Sue Barnes.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Labrador Inuit Association: William Andersen III, President; Toby Andersen, Chief Land Claims Negotiator; Veryan Haysom, Legal Counsel, Negociator; Zippie Nochasak, Vice President; Mary Simon, Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 7, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement.

William Andersen III and Toby Andersen made statements and, with Veryan Haysom, Zippie Nochasak and Mary Simon, answered questions.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/09 3:57 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell. Lib.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
André Bellavance,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Gary Lunn,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

WITNESSES:

Justice Canada:

Michael Delaney, Legal Counsel, Legal Services - INAC.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Gail Mitchell, Director, Policy and Coordination, Comprehensive

Claims Branch.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Thomas G Rideout, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.

Province of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Wally Andersen, MHA, Torngat Mountains.

Government of Newfoundland and Labrador:

Ruby Carter, Senior Negotiator, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs;

Aubrey Gover, Legal Counsel, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs;

David Hughes, Director, Policy and Planning, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Senate:

Hon. Willie Adams, Senator; Hon. William Rompkey.

> Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, June 14, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

Witnesses: Justice Canada: Michael Delaney, Legal Counsel, Legal Services - INAC. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Gail Mitchell, Director, Policy and Coordination, Comprehensive Claims Branch. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador: Thomas G Rideout, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs. Province of Newfoundland and Labrador: Wally Andersen, MHA, Torngat Mountains. Government of Newfoundland and Labrador: Ruby Carter, Senior Negotiator, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs; Aubrey Gover, Legal Counsel, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs; David Hughes, Director, Policy and Planning, Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs.

Participants present: Senate: Hon. Willie Adams, Senator; Hon. William Rompkey.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on June 7, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement and the Labrador Inuit Tax Treatment Agreement.

The Hon. Sue Barnes made a statement and, with Gail Mitchell, answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That Senator Willie Adams and Senator William Rompkey be allowed to participate in the debate of this Committee meeting.

At 11:59 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Thomas G. Rideout and Wally Andersen made statements and, with Ruby Carter, answered questions.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee 2005/06/15 8:58 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 42

Tuesday, June 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 306 West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the study of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada, in the amount of \$ 37,950.00, for the period of June 13, 2005 to December 31, 2005 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk and the Analysts of the Committee, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a list of witnesses to be invited for the study of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

It was agreed, — That, depending on his availability, Thomas C. Hutchinson be invited to appear on June 23, 2005 or at the first meeting of the Committee following the beginning of September 2005, in relation to his Certificate of Nomination as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Polar Commission, pursuant to Standing Order 110.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jean-Philippe Brochu Clerk of the Committee

2005/06/23 2:56 p.m.



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

IN CAMERA

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Meeting No. 43

Tuesday, October 4, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day. in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, André Bellavance, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Lunn, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Serge Ménard for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That on Bill C-54 the Committee hear from the Minister and Departmental Officials and the three (3) proponent First Nation Chiefs on Thursday, October 6; and, from the Officials of the Aboriginal Land and Legal Issues of the Government of Alberta, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Chief David General, Six Nations of the Grand River on Tuesday, October 18.

It was agreed, — That the motion adopted on June 21, 2005 concerning the appearance of Mr. Thomas C. Hutchinson be rescinded.

Jim Prentice moved, — That the Committee immediately commences an investigation into the backlog of almost 1,000 First Nation "Specific Claims" in Canada and specifically that the Committee inquire into, and report upon the following:

- a. the number of specific claims that have been filed with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the status, history and Government response to each of those claims and the estimated cost of settling each such claim;
- b. The number of specific claims that are being reviewed, mediated, adjudicated, or considered by the Indian Specific Claims Commission of Canada and by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the estimated costs of administration of the Commission and the Department;
- c. The current status of the Indian Specific Claims Commission itself, it's legislative and administrative framework and the necessity for institutional and legislative reform to replace or alternatively, expand the jurisdiction of the said Commission;
- d. the position of the Assembly of First Nations, it's affiliates, the Canadian Bar Association and the position of First Nations and other First Nation organizations on the subject of specific claims in Canada;

In the context of this inquiry the Committee may hear from any witness and examine the particular details of any specific claim that has been filed by a First Nation against the Government of Canada.

David Smith moved, — That the motion be amended by deleting paragraphs a & b.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of David Smith and it was agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2005-10-05 11:21 a.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Lib.

Meeting No. 44

Thursday, October 6, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith
and Lloyd St. Amand.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Bezan for Gary Lunn, Hon. Paul DeVillers for Roger Valley, and Serge Ménard for André Bellavance.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch; Paul Landry, Director, Legislative Projects.

Department of Justice:

Andrew Beynon, General Counsel and Manager, avocat général et gestionnaire.

Siksika First Nation:

Chief Strater Crowfoot.

Blood Tribe:

Kirby Manyfingers, Councillor.

White Bear First Nations:

Clarence Nokahoot, Councillor.



Meeting No. 44

Thursday, October 6, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith and Lloyd St. Amand.

Acting Members present: James Bezan for Gary Lunn, Hon. Paul DeVillers for Roger Valley and Serge Ménard for André Bellavance.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch; Paul Landry, Director, Legislative Projects. Department of Justice: Andrew Beynon, General Counsel and Manager, avocat général et gestionnaire. Siksika First Nation: Chief Strater Crowfoot. Blood Tribe: Kirby Manyfingers, Councillor. White Bear First Nations: Clarence Nokahoot, Councillor.

The Committee proceeded to consider the subject-matter of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 4:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:18 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Crowfoot, Councillors Clarence Nokahoot and Kirby Manyfingers made statements and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-07 11:59 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Serge Ménard,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith, and Barry Devolin for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Bibiane Ouellette, Committee Clerk.



Meeting No. 45

Tuesday, October 18, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Serge Měnard, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Roy Cullen for David Smith and Barry Devolin for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst. House of Commons: Bibiane Ouellette, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Roger Valley, it was agreed, — That Lloyd St. Amand be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Jim Prentice, it was agreed, — That Jeremy Harrison be elected as Official Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Serge Ménard, it was agreed, — That Bernard Cleary be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Committee.

At 3:42 p.m., Lloyd St. Amand took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Hon. Roy Cullen table a document, provided by the Hon. Anne McLellan, Deputy Minister and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, concerning the 3rd Report of the Committee.

Sue Barnes moved, — That the existing Committee procedure be amended to read: except for amendments to bills, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Committee; and that the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and circulated to members in both official languages.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk enquire on the possibility for the Committee to meet on Thursday mornings.

At 4:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-19 3:09 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand. Lib.

Meeting No. 46

Thursday, October 20, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Serge Ménard,
Jim Prentice,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gérard Asselin for Bernard Cleary, and Ed Komarnicki for Carol Skelton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Government of Alberta:

Neil Reddekopp, Assistant Deputy Minister, Land and Resources Issues, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.



Meeting No. 46

Thursday, October 20, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Serge Ménard, Jim Prentice, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Bernard Cleary and Ed Komarnicki for Carol Skelton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Government of Alberta: Neil Reddekopp, Assistant Deputy Minister, Land and Resources Issues, Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

Neil Reddekopp made a statement and answered questions.

Sue Barnes moved, — That the Indian Resource Council of Canada be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-54 on Tuesday, October 25, 2005.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

It was agreed, — That the Committee have a future business meeting on Tuesday, October 25, after the clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-54.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-28 11:27 a.m.



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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Serge Ménard,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSE:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

John Dempsey, Director, Policy, Indian Oil and Gas Canada.



Meeting No. 47

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Serge Ménard, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: John Dempsey, Director, Policy, Indian Oil and Gas Canada.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Thursday, October 6, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-54, An Act to provide first nations with the option of managing and regulating oil and gas exploration and exploitation and of receiving moneys otherwise held for them by Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 was postponed.

The Chair called Clause 2.

Clauses 2 to 64 inclusive carried severally.

The Short Title carried.

Schedule 1 carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 3:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:45 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the following witnesses be invited to appear in relation to the study of First Nations Specific Claims:

The Honourable Andy Scott, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians;

From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Devlopement: Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government Section and Audrey Stewart, Director General, Specific Claims Branch;

Representatives of the Assembly of First Nations;

Representatives from various First Nations Communities;

Representatives from the Indigenous Bar Association, the Canadian Bar Association and the Barreau du Québec;

The following individuals: Ron Maurice (Calgary), Kathleen Lickers (Six Nations), Jerome Slavik (Calgary), Peter Hutchins (Montreal), Alan Pratt (Kanata), Charles Harnick, Q.C. (Toronto), A.J. Gross (Ottawa-Kanata), Candice Metallic (AFN counsel), André Brassard, John Olthius and Bryan Schwartz.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-26 4:51 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 27, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 25, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on drinking water in First Nation Communities.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Todd Norman Russell for David Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government;

Audrey Stewart, Director General, Specific Claims Branch.

Kashechewan First Nation: Leo Friday, Chief; Stan Louttit, Grand chef.

As an Individual:

Murray B. Trusler, Chief of Staff, Weeneebayko General Hospital.

The Chiefs made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.



Meeting No. 48

Thursday, October 27, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:13 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison. Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Todd Norman Russell for David Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Audrey Stewart, Director General, Specific Claims Branch. Kashechewan First Nation: Leo Friday, Chief; Stan Louttit, Grand chef. As an Individual: Murray B. Trusler, Chief of Staff, Weeneebayko General Hospital.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 25, 2005, the Committee commenced its study on drinking water in First Nation Communities.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Committee hear from representatives of the Kashechewan First Nation.

The Chiefs made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 9:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:22 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee commenced its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

Michel Roy and Audrey Stewart made statements and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-10-27 5:24 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Serge Ménard,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Sue Barnes.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Nadia Bartolini, Research Manager, Specific Claims Branch.

As an Individual:

Denis Brassard.

Department of Justice:

Sylvia Duquette, General Counsel, Specific Claims, Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio;

Perry Pobinson, Acting Senior Counsel, Specific Claims

Perry Robinson, Acting Senior Counsel, Specific Claims, Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio.



Meeting No. 49

Tuesday, November 1, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Serge Ménard, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Sue Barnes.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Nadia Bartolini, Research Manager, Specific Claims Branch. As an Individual: Denis Brassard. Department of Justice: Sylvia Duquette, General Counsel, Specific Claims, Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio; Perry Robinson, Acting Senior Counsel, Specific Claims, Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 20 000, for the period of November 1st, 2006 to March 31st, 2006 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

On motion of Roger Valley, it was agreed, — That the Committee hear from the Lac Seul First Nation within the context of First Nations Specific Claims Study.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-04 12:28 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 50

Thursday, November 3, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Serge Ménard,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

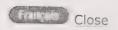
Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

As Individuals:
Al Gross, Negociator;

Charles Harnick, Lawyer, Counsel Public Affairs Inc.; Peter Hutchins, Lawyer, Hutchins Grant & Associates; Alan Pratt, Lawyer, Alan Pratt, Barrister & Solicitor.



Meeting No. 50

Thursday, November 3, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Serge Ménard, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: As Individuals: Al Gross, Negociator; Charles Harnick, Lawyer, Counsel Public Affairs Inc.; Peter Hutchins, Lawyer, Hutchins Grant & Associates; Alan Pratt, Lawyer, Alan Pratt, Barrister & Solicitor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:58 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-04 10:55 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes
Bernard Cleary
Jeremy Harrison
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Serge Ménard
Jim Prentice
Carol Skelton
David Smith
Lloyd St. Amand
Roger Valley

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst

WITNESS:

Indian Claims Commission:
Renée Dupuis, Chief Commissioner



Meeting No. 51

Tuesday, November 15, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Serge Ménard, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Indian Claims Commission: Renée Dupuis, Chief Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 4, 2005, the Committee resumed its study of First Nations Specific Claims.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-16 11:38 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 52

Thursday, November 17, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 25, the Committee resumed its of Chapter 5, Drinking Water in First Nations Communities in the 2005 Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Auditor General's Office.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Hon. Sue Barnes,
Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Serge Ménard,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
David Smith,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Mills for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and
Sustainable Development;
Jerome Berthelette, Principal;
André Côté, Director.

The Commissioner made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 52

Thursday, November 17, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Hon. Sue Barnes, Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Serge Ménard, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, David Smith, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Bob Mills for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Johanne Gélinas, Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development; Jerome Berthelette, Principal; André Côté, Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on October 25, the Committee commenced its of Chapter 5, Drinking Water in First Nations Communities in the 2005 Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development, Auditor General's Office.

The Commissioner made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-21 2:49 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 38th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Lloyd St. Amand, Lib.

Meeting No. 53

Monday, November 21, 2005

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-71, An Act respecting the regulation of commercial and industrial undertakings on reserve lands.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Bernard Cleary,
Jeremy Harrison,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Pat Martin,
Serge Ménard,
Jim Prentice,
Carol Skelton,
Lloyd St. Amand
and Roger Valley.

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Don H. Bell for David Smith

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Andrew Beynon, General Counsel and Manager, Legal Services.

Fort McKay First Nation: Jim Boucher, Chief.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch;
Paul Landry, Director, Legislative Projects.

Tsuu T'ina First Nation:
Peter Manywounds, Member, Economic Development Office.

First Nations Financial Management Advisory Board:
Harold Calla, Chairman, Councillor, Squamish Nation;
Bruce Campbell, Legal Counsel.

Ackroyd, Piasta, Roth & Day LLP: Jerome N. Slavik, Barrister & Solicitor.



Meeting No. 53

Monday, November 21, 2005

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Lloyd St. Amand, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Bernard Cleary, Jeremy Harrison, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Pat Martin, Serge Ménard, Jim Prentice, Carol Skelton, Lloyd St. Amand and Roger Valley.

Acting Members present: Don H. Bell for David Smith.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Sue Barnes, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Andrew Beynon, General Counsel and Manager, Legal Services. Fort McKay First Nation: Jim Boucher, Chief. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul Fauteux, Director General, Lands Branch; Paul Landry, Director, Legislative Projects. Tsuu T'ina First Nation: Peter Manywounds, Member, Economic Development Office. First Nations Financial Management Advisory Board: Harold Calla, Chairman, Councillor, Squamish Nation; Bruce Campbell, Legal Counsel. Ackroyd, Piasta, Roth & Day LLP: Jerome N. Slavik, Barrister & Solicitor.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Friday, November 18, 2005, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-71, An Act respecting the regulation of commercial and industrial undertakings on reserve lands.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of Clause 1 is postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

The Parliamentary Secretary made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Jim Boucher and Peter Manywounds made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Clause 2 carried.

On Clause 3,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-71, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 21 and 22 on page 2 with the following:

"(b) confer any administrative power on any person or"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

On Clause 3,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-71, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 27 on page 4 with the following:

"terms and conditions of such dispositions, providing that any such dispositions be voluntary on the part of the person or body holding such right or interest;"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

On Clause 3,

Pat Martin moved. — That Bill C-71, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing line 30 on page 4 with the following:

"and Gas Act providing that the members of the First Nation holding the beneficial interest in the reserve lands approve the exclusion by referendum; and"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

On Clause 3,

Pat Martin moved, - That Bill C-71, in Clause 3, be amended by deleting lines 31 to 37 on page 4.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

Clause 3 carried.

Clause 4 carried.

On Clause 5,

Pat Martin moved. — That Bill C-71, in Clause 5, be amended by replacing line 11 on page 5 with the following:

"Council the making of specific regulations, providing that the approval has been provided by the members of the First Nation of the Council resolution; and"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

Clause 5 carried.

Clause 6 carried.

Clause 7 carried.

Clause 8 carried.

Clause 9 carried.

Clause 10 carried.

Clause 11 carried.

Clause 12 carried.

Clause 13 carried.

The Short Title carried.

On Preamble,

Pat Martin moved, — That Bill C-71, in the Preamble, be amended by deleting lines 11 to 13 on page 1.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Pat Martin and it was negatived.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Bill C-71 to the House.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2005-11-22 4:26 p.m.





HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Maurice Vellacott, CPC.

Meeting No. 1

Monday, May 1, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht
Rod Bruinooge
Jean Crowder
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Marc Lemay
Yvon Lévesque
Inky Mark
Colin Mayes
Gary Merasty
Hon. Anita Neville
Todd Norman Russell
Maurice Vellacott

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

James Latimer, Committee Clerk.







Meeting No. 1

Monday, May 1, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: House of Commons: James Latimer, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Colin Mayes moved, — That Maurice Vellacott be elected Chair of the Committee.

Anita Neville moved, — That Colin Mayes be elected Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Anita Neville moved, — That Inky Mark be elected Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, the question: "That Maurice Vellacott be elected Chair of the Committee" was put and it was agreed to on the following recorded division:

YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark, Colin Mayes, Maurice Vellacott — 7;

NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Gary Merasty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 5.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

Anita Neville moved, — That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Maurice Vellacott moved, — That Gary Merasty be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

Maurice Vellacott moved, — That Anita Neville be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, the motion was withdrawn.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be

elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That Jean Crowder be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Committee meet on Wednesay, May 3, 2006 to discuss routine motions and future business.

At 3:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/02 11:17 a.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Maurice Vellacott.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.



Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Maurice Vellacott, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, or in the Chair's absence, one of the Vice-Chairs, be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three members are present, including one member of the opposition.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Committee only documents that are available in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its Subcommittees.

It was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two representative per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

It was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting.

It was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

It was agreed, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the susbstantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

It was agreed, — That an organization be given up to ten (10) minutes at the discretion of the Chair for their opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses,

there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the official opposition, seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the other parties, starting with the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Conservative Party, and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner until each member had the chance to question the witness (alternating between the Opposition Parties and the Government), and leaving at the discretion of the Chair the possibility to reduce the time limits of the second round of questions if time is running out..

It was agreed. — That the Committee meet on Monday, May 8, 2006 to discuss its future business.

At 5:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/04 12:06 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Maurice Vellacott, CPC

Meeting No. 3

Monday, May 8, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Maurice Vellacott.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

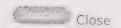
Tony Martin for Jean Crowder, and Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.



Meeting No. 3

Monday, May 8, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the chair, Maurice Vellacott, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Maurice Vellacott.

Acting Members present: Tony Martin for Jean Crowder and Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Marc Lemay moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee recommends that government to implement the Kelowna agreement, entitled Strengthening Relationships and Closing the Gap, which was reached on November 25, 2005 between the First Ministers and the National Aboriginal Leaders.

That the Committee adopt these recommendations as a report to the House and that the Chair present this report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee study the objectives of the First Ministers Meeting of last November and in particular in relation to housing, health, education and economic development.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Rod Bruinooge and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Colin Mayes, Brian Storseth — 4; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Gary Merasty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Gary Merasty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht — 1.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That whenever the Main Estimates or Supplementary Estimates are tabled in the House, the Committee invite the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee and, if possible, that it be televised.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That whenever a Chapter of a Report of the Auditor General refers to a subject under the mandate of the Committee, the Committee invite the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and any relevant Senior Officials of a Department to appear at a meeting of the Committee and, if possible, that it be televised.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Anita Neville moved. That this committee (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development) request a joint meeting with the special legislative committee that is dealing with Bill C-2 ('the Accountability Act') to examine the portions of the act that deal with First Nations Accountability.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as article 113(2) of the Standing Orders does not autorize legislative Committees to hold joint meetings

It was agreed, — That the Committee have briefings from Officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on May 10 and 15 and hear from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians on May 17.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from Justice Officials on the impact of Bills C-9 and C-10 on Aboriginal peoples on May 29 and from Aboriginal groups on May 31.

It was agreed, — That the Committee discuss its future business on June 5.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/10 2:52 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes. CPC

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing by officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Inky Mark,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Storseth for Maurice Vellacott.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Daniel Ricard, A/Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction;

Eric Guimond, A/Director, Strategic Research and Analysis Directorate:

Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch;

Sacha Senécal, Strategic Research Manager, Strategic Research and Analysis Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch.



Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 10, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose o electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Daniel Ricard, A/Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction; Eric Guimond, A/Director, Strategic Research and Analysis Directorate; Sandra Ginnish, Director General, Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch; Sacha Senécal, Strategic Research Manager, Strategic Research and Analysis Treaties, Research, International and Gender Equality Branch.

Maurice Vellacott having submitted a letter of resignation as Chair of the Committee, the Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Harold Albrecht, it was agreed, — That Colin Mayes be elected Chair of the Committee.

Marc Lemay moved, — That the Committee send a letter to the Minister of Indian Affairs congratulating him on the approval of a final Indian Residentials Schools Settlement Agreement and the immediate launching of an advance payment program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing by officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Eric Guimond made a presentation and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/11 4:09 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes, CPC.

Meeting No. 5

Monday, May 15, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing by officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht
Rod Bruinooge
Jean Crowder
Marc Lemay
Yvon Lévesque
Colin Mayes
Gary Merasty
Hon. Anita Neville
Todd Norman Russell

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Shipley for Maurice Vellacott Chris Warkentin for Inky Mark

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services Warren Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services

Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations Sector

Allan MacDonald, Director General, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non Status Indians

Audrey Stewart, Director General, Specific Claims Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector



Meeting No. 5

Monday, May 15, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Bev Shipley for Maurice Vellacott and Chris Warkentin for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Warren Johnson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Lands and Trust Services; Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations Sector; Allan MacDonald, Director General, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non Status Indians; Audrey Stewart, Director General, Specific Claims Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing by officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the First Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its FIRST REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, May 15, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the Committee invite the Auditor General to appear on May 29, on Chapter 5 of her 2006 Report, entitled: Management of Programme for First Nations.
- 2. That the Committee undertake a study on education of Aboriginal People and that it hear from National Aboriginal organizations on this matter, and that the first meeting be a briefing from the Department.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN MAYES

Chair

It was agreed. — That the First report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

Anita Neville moved. — That the Fifth Report of this Committee in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament entilled: Walking arm-in-arm to resolve the issue of on-reserve matrimonial real property be adopted as a report in this session; that the Chair present the report to the House; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Rod Bruinooge, it was agreed, — That the vote on this motion be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 after the Committee has heard from the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

At 5:31 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/16 2:37 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes, CPC.

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht
Jean Crowder
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Marc Lemay
Yvon Lévesque
Inky Mark
Colin Mayes
Gary Merasty
Hon. Anita Neville
Todd Norman Russell

ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:

Bruce Stanton for Maurice Vellacott

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission:
Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic
Policy and Regional Operations Sector



Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:56 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Bruce Stanton for Maurice Vellacott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Canadian Polar Commission: Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations Sector.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Committee invite the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to appear at the first opportunity and adjourn.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

At 4:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/18 12:07 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes. CPC

Meeting No. 7

Monday, May 29, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of Chapter 5 of the Auditor General's Report.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Omar Alghabra for Gary Merasty, Steven Blaney for Inky Mark, and Brian Storseth for Rod Bruinooge.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

- Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
 Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

 Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services.
- Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General.
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
 Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations.
- Department of Health:

 Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit
 Health Branch.
- Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

 Mary Quinn, Director General, Strategic Policy and Devolution
 Branch, Northern Affairs.
- Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Glenn Wheeler, Principal.



Meeting No. 7

Monday, May 29, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Omar Alghabra for Gary Merasty, Steven Blaney for Inky Mark and Brian Storseth for Rod Bruinooge.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Sheila Fraser, Auditor General. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations Sector. Department of Health: Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Mary Quinn, Director General, Strategic Policy and Devolution Branch, Northern Affairs. Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Glenn Wheeler, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 5 of the Auditor General's Report.

The Auditor General made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/05/30 1:12 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes, CPC.

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Ministerial Priorities.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht
Steven Blaney
Rod Bruinooge
Jean Crowder
Nancy Karetak-Lindell
Marc Lemay
Yvon Lévesque
Colin Mayes

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell Tina Keeper for Gary Merasty Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister;
Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;
Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations.



Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque and Colin Mayes.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell, Tina Keeper for Gary Merasty and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Ministerial Priorities.

The Minister made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/01 2:01 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 9

Monday, June 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians;

Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations;

Mary Tobin Oates, Senior Advisor, Inuit Relations Secretariat; Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations.



Meeting No. 9

Monday, June 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians; Paul LeBlanc, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations; Mary Tobin Oates, Senior Advisor, Inuit Relations Secretariat; Line Paré, Director General, Education Branch, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on Monday, May 15, 2006, the Committee proceeded to a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

Paul LeBlanc made a opening statement and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

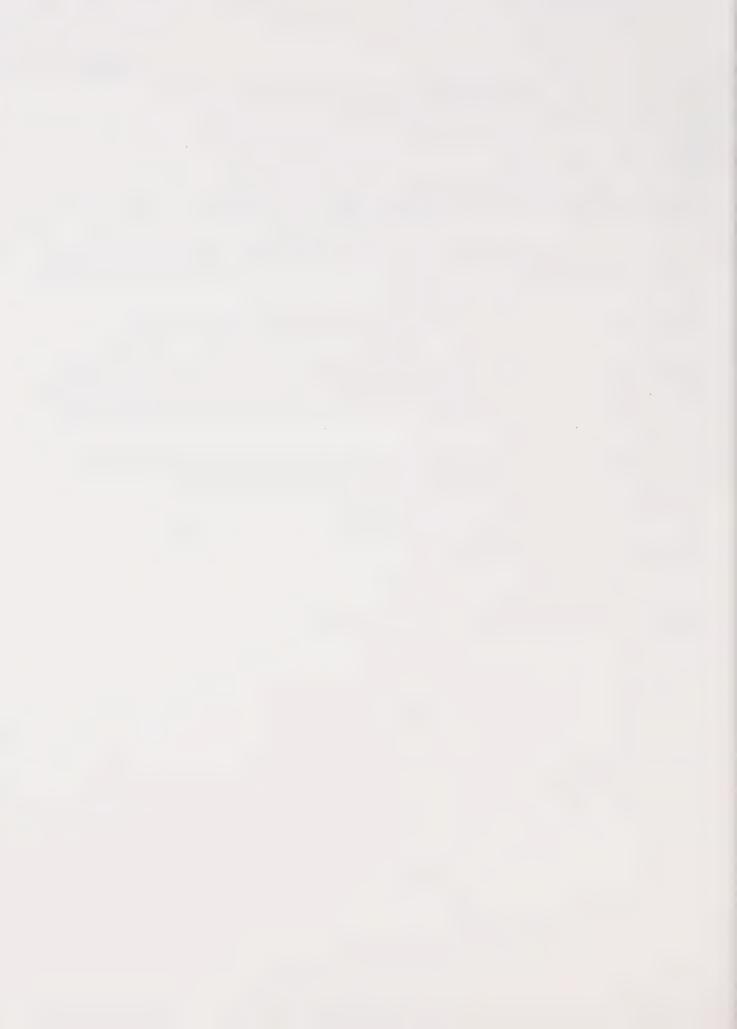
At 3:54 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/06 11:26 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Inky Mark,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

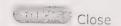
WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Richard Jock, Chief Executive Officer; Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief, Ontario; Bob Watts, Chief of Staff, Office of the National Chief.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada:

Richard Paton, Director, Socio-Economic Development.



Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Richard Jock, Chief Executive Officer; Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief, Ontario; Bob Watts, Chief of Staff, Office of the National Chief. Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami of Canada: Richard Paton, Director, Social Economic Department.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

Marc Lemay moved, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), the Committee recommend that the government vote in favour of the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples at the next working session of the Human Rights Council.

That the Committee adopt this recommendation in a report to the House and that the Chair table this report in the House.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 0.

Phil Fontaine made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:44 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Richard Patton made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/08 11:45 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, June 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty
and Hon, Anita Neville.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sweet for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Native Women's Association of Canada:
Anita Olsen-Harper, Sisters in Spirit Team Lead;
Karen Schuyler, Community Development.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:
Patrick Brazeau, National Chief;
Jerry Peltier, Consultant.



Meeting No. 11

Monday, June 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty and Hon. Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: David Sweet for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Native Women's Association of Canada: Anita Olsen-Harper, Sisters in Spirit Team Lead; Karen Schuyler, Community Development. Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: Patrick Brazeau, National Chief; Jerry Peltier, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

Anita Olsen-Harper made an opening statement and, with the other witness answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Patrick Brazeau made an opening statement and, with the other witness answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/13 1:31 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Shawn Murphy for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Association of Friendship Centres:
Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.



Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, June 14, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Hon. Shawn Murphy for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Association of Friendship Centres: Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed it's study on Education of Aboriginal People.

Peter Dinsdale made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That this Committee report to the House that it agrees with the findings contained in the Fifth Report of this Committee in the 1st Session of the 38th Parliament entiled: Walking arm-in-arm to resolve the issue of on-reserve matrimonial real property; that the Chair present the report to the House; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:02 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Second Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its SECOND REPORT:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That, the Committee proceed to a study of post-secondary education of Aborginal People
- 2. That, the Committee consider the government's response to the Concialiator's Final Report: Nunavut I and Claims Agreement implementation Planning Contract Negociations for the Second Planning Period once it is tabled.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN MAYES

Chair

It was agreed, — That the Second report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/06/15 2:52 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 13

Monday, June 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on Education of Aboriginal People.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark and Colin Mayes.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville, Yves Lessard for Marc Lemay, and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada: Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director;

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada: Rachel Levasseur, Summer Student.

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: Roger Préfontaine, Clerk of the Committee.



Meeting No. 13

Monday, June 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Yvon Lévesque, Inky Mark and Colin Mayes.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Hon. Anita Neville, Yves Lessard for Marc Lemay and Hon. Geoff Regan for Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada: Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director.

Other Participants present: First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada: Rachel Levasseur, Summer Student. Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: Roger Préfontaine, Clerk of the Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on the Education of Aboriginal People.

Cindy Blackstock made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write to the Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development asking him to inform the Committee on his position in regards to the *Wen: de - The Journey Continues (2005)* report.

It was agreed, — That the Committee members wishing to do so would participate in events commemorating National Aboriginal Day's 10th Anniversary on Victoria Island on Wednesday, June 21 at 3:30 p.m.

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/06/21 11:46 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Collin Mayes CPC

Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources :

Mary Hurley.

WITNESSES:

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated:

Natan Obed, Director, Department of Social and Cultural Development;
Laurie Pelly, Legal Counsel;
Joanasie Akumalik, Director, Government & Public Relations.

Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program:

Juanita Taylor, Board of Directors; Morley Hanson, Coordinator; Murray Angus, Instructor; Jackie Price, Instructor; Tommy Akulukjuk, Alumni; Mishael Gordon, Student; David Serkoak, Instructor.



Meeting No. 14

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources: Mary Hurley.

Witnesses: Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated: Natan Obed, Director, Department of Social and Cultural Development; Laurie Pelly, Legal Counsel; Joanasie Akumalik, Director, Government & Public Relations. Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program: Juanita Taylor, Board of Directors; Morley Hanson, Coordinator; Murray Angus, Instructor; Jackie Price, Instructor; Tommy Akulukjuk, Alumni; Mishael Gordon, Student; David Serkoak, Instructor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Post-Secondary Education.

Natan Obed and Juanita Taylor made statements and, with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 10:47 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/22 3:14 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 15

Thursday, September 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deepak Obhrai for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.



Meeting No. 15

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Deepak Obhrai for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee adopt a travel budget request totalling \$11,047 to attend the Canadian Aboriginal Law Conference in Ottawa, October 4 and 5, 2006 and that the Chair seek authorization from the House to this effect.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hold a meeting at the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program School in Ottawa and that the Chair make the necessary financial and logistic arrangements and seek authorization from the House to this effect.

It was agreed, — That the Committee add Mary Young, Director, Aboriginal Students Services' Centre and representatives of the Prince Albert Grand Council to its list of approved witnesses.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from the representatives of the Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the Cree School Board, the Association des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador and its Board of Education on October 17 or the next possible date and that the Committee end its hearings on post-secondary education on October 31.

At 10:53 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/22 2:11 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.



Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106 (1).

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rod Bruinooge, it was agreed, — That Colin Mayes be elected Chair of the Committee.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That Jean Crowder be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Colin Mayes took the Chair.

It was agreed, — That Committee members visit the Nunavut Sivuniksavut Program facility on Tuesday, October 3 at 9:00 a.m..

At 9:16 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/26 4:19 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

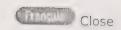
Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

BC First Nations Leadership Council:
Nathan Matthew, Senior Advisor and Negotiator, Education.

University of Winnipeg:
Mary Young, Director, Aboriginal Students Services Centre.



Meeting No. 17

Tuesday, September 26, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:23 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: BC First Nations Leadership Council: Nathan Matthew, Senior Advisor and Negotiator, Education. University of Winnipeg: Mary Young, Director, Aboriginal Students Services Centre.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The witnesses made opening statements and, answered questions.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/09/28 8:38 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 18

Thursday, September 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty
and Hon. Anita Neville.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell, and Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Prince Albert Grand Council:
Keith Frame, Research Coordinator.



Meeting No. 18

Thursday, September 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty and Hon. Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell and Bruce Stanton for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Prince Albert Grand Council: Keith Frame, Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:01 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the calendar of events presented to the Committee be agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from representatives of the Maritime region on Post-Secondary Education on October 26, 2006.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Standing Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development adopt the resolution that the Conservative Government should immediately pledge their support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; that this be adopted as a report of this committee; that the chair present the report to the House.

Debate arose thereon.

At 11:03 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/09/29 1:43 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty
and Hon. Anita Neville.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assemblée des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador and its Board of Education:

Lise Bastien, Director, First Nations Education Council.

First Nations Education Council, Quebec:
Gilbert W. Whiteduck, Senior Education Advisor.

Cree School Board:
Gordon Blackned, Chairman.

University of Quebec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Edith Cloutier, Chairman of the Board; Johanne Jean, President.



Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 17, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty and Hon. Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assemblée des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador and its Board of Education: Lise Bastien, Director, First Nations Education Council. First Nations Education Council, Quebec: Gilbert W. Whiteduck, Senior Education Advisor. Cree School Board: Gordon Blackned, Chairman. University of Quebec in Abitibi-Témiscamingue: Edith Cloutier, Chairman of the Board; Johanne Jean, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:51 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/19 4:08 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht.

Steven Blaney,

Rod Bruinooge,

Jean Crowder,

Nancy Karetak-Lindell,

Marc Lemay,

Yvon Lévesque,

Colin Mayes,

Gary Merasty,

Hon. Anita Neville

and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Richard Budgell, Executive Coordinator of Post-secondary Education, Education Branch;

Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations;

Allan MacDonald, Director General, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians;

Mary Tobin Oates, Senior Advisor, Inuit Relations Secretariat.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Thursday, October 19, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Richard Budgell, Executive Coordinator of Post-secondary Education, Education Branch; Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Allan MacDonald, Director General, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians; Mary Tobin Oates, Senior Advisor, Inuit Relations Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

Christine Cram made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:31 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:38 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Anita Neville, — That the Standing Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development adopt the resolution that the Conservative Government should immediately pledge their support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; that this be adopted as a report of this committee; that the chair present the report to the House.

The Chair approved that the motion be reworded in order to ensure that it conform to the usage of the House to read as follows: That the Standing Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development recommend that the Government immediately pledge its support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; that this be adopted as a report of this committee; that the chair present the report to the House

Harold Albrecht moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "the" with the word "a" after the words "support for" and that the word "immediately" be deleted.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "recommend" the following: "after hearing witnesses".

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The question was put on the motion and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

Rod Brumooge moved. — That the motion be amended by replacing the words following the word 'Department' with the following: "study reasons why successive governments, including Liberal governments led by Paul Martin and Jean Chretien, did not support previous versions of the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples".

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible as it exceeded the scope of the motion, as provided on page 453 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

It was agreed. — That the Committee cancel its October 26th meeting and that one hour be dedicated to Anita Neville's motion on October 31st.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/20 1:49 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation:

Roberta Jamieson, President and Chief Executive Officer;
Paulette Tremblay, Director, Post-Secondary Education.

Caledon Institute of Social Policy:
Michael Mendelson, Policy analyst.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Tuesday, October 24, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation: Roberta Jamieson, President and Chief Executive Officer; Paulette Tremblay, Director, Post-Secondary Education. Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Michael Mendelson, Policy analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

At 10:11 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:14 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Roberta Jamieson and Michael Mendelson made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/10/24 1:54 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Membertou First Nation:
Darren GooGoo, Director of Education.



Meeting No. 22

Tuesday, October 31, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Membertou First Nation: Darren GooGoo, Director of Education.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

Darren Googoo made a statement and answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 9:50 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:52 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:22 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:28 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Anita Neville, — That the Standing Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development recommend that the Government immediately pledge its support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; that this be adopted as a report of this committee; that the chair present the report to the House.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That any dissenting opinions by some members of the Committee be attached to the report to be submitted by the Chair to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 1.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Gary Merasty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge — 3.

Steven Blaney moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure consider a witness list for Bill C-292 to be heard within a reasonnable time frame.

At 10:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/01 2:15 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 2, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 L30, L35, 40 and 45 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT; Votes 85 and 90 under CANADIAN HERITAGE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

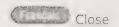
WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Jim Quinn, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;

Suzanne Tining, Associate Deputy Minister;

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 23

Thursday, November 2, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Jim Quinn, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Suzanne Tining, Associate Deputy Minister; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2006-2007: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 L30, L35, 40 and 45 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT; Votes 85 and 90 under CANADIAN HERITAGE referred to the Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2006.

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT and Votes 85 and 90 under CANADIAN HERITAGE.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/03 11:53 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty
and Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.





Meeting No. 24

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 9:06 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty and Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That Chief Ghislain Picard, Assembly of First Nations, Quebec, be invited to appear on November 21, 2006 on Bill C-292.

It was agreed, — That the Government of British Columbia be invited to send either the current or the past Aboriginal Affairs Minister to appear on Bill C-292 on November 9, 2006.

It was agreed, — That the Committee not meet on November 30, 2006.

At 9:26 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:42 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Chair presented the Third Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its THIRD REPORT:

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 2, 2006, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That four meetings be set aside for consideration of Bill C-292, to be divided as follows: on November 9: The Right Honourable Paul Martin, Honourable Ralph Goodale, Honourable Andy Scott and Honourable Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia; on November 21: Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Métis National Council; on November 23: National Association of Friendship Centres, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Native Women's Association of Canada; on November 28: Clause by Clause consideration.
- 2. That the Committee consider the Supplementary Estimates 2006-2007 before December 5, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Mayes

Chair

It was agreed. That the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

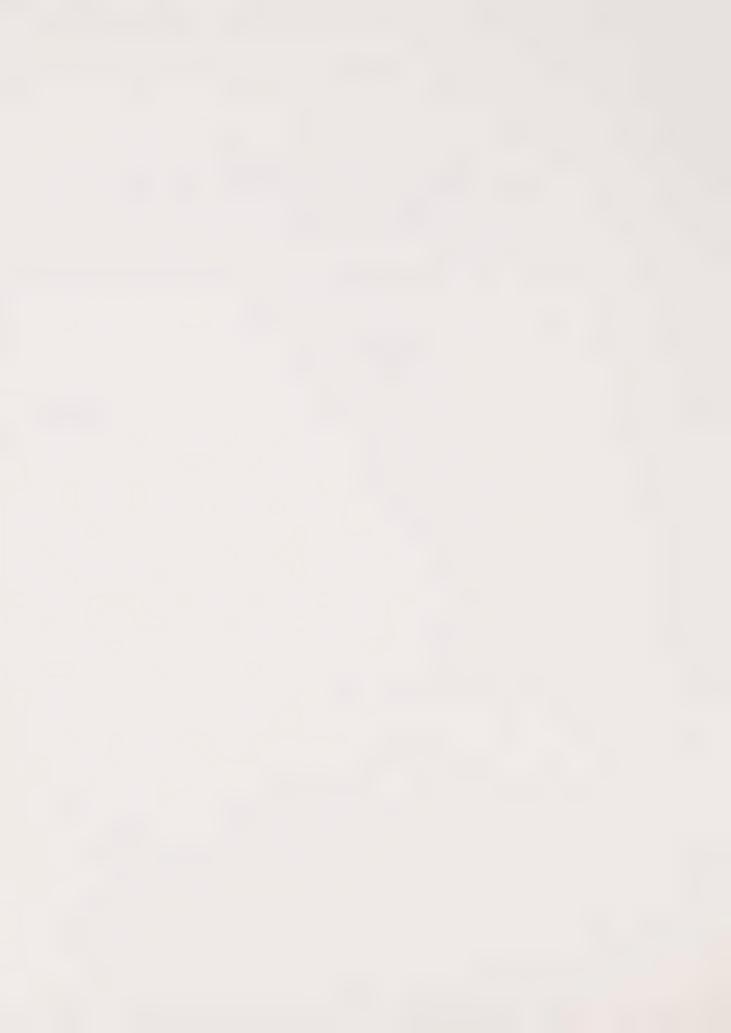
The Committee proceeded to discuss its draft report on Post-Secondary Education

It was agreed. That the next substantive study of the Committee be on housing, on and off reserve and in the North.

At 10:52 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/08 10:50 a.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 9, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty
and Hon. Anita Neville.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gérard Asselin for Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell, and Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

IN ATTENDANCE:

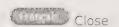
Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:

Right Hon. Paul Martin, P.C., M.P., LaSalle—Émard; Hon. Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P., Wascana; Hon. Andy Scott, P.C., M.P., Fredericton.



Meeting No. 25

Thursday, November 9, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 9:03 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty and Hon. Anita Neville.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth for Inky Mark.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Right Hon. Paul Martin, P.C., M.P., LaSalle—Émard; Hon. Ralph Goodale, P.C., M.P., Wascana; Hon. Andy Scott, P.C., M.P., Fredericton.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

The Right Honourable Paul Martin made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/09 2:26 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:
Phil Fontaine, National Chief.

Métis National Council:

Rosemarie McPherson, Member of the Council; Marc LeClair, Chief Negotiator.

Assemblée des Premières nations du Québec et du Labrador: Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief.

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami:
Mary Simon, President.



Meeting No. 26

Tuesday, November 21, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Associate Members present: Tina Keeper.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief. Métis National Council: Rosemarie McPherson, Member of the Council; Marc LeClair, Chief Negotiator. Assemblée des Premières nations du Québec et du Labrador: Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief. Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami: Mary Simon, President.

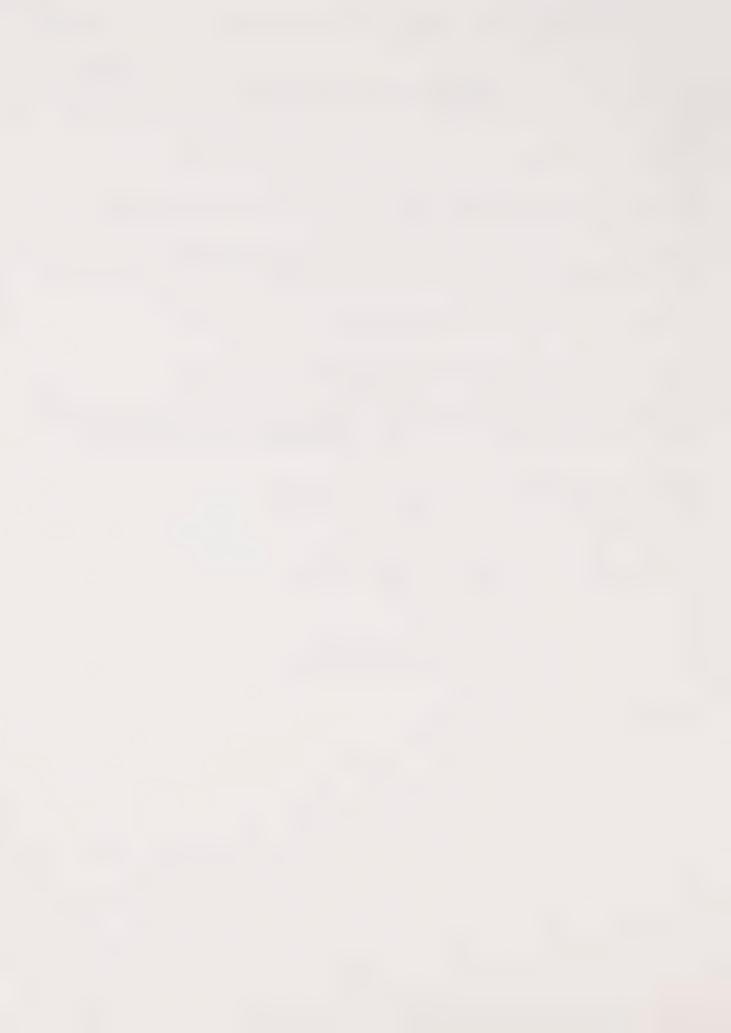
Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 10:59 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/27 4:40 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 23, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Brian Storseth.

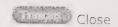
IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:
Patrick Brazeau, National Chief.

National Association of Friendship Centres:
Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director;
Vera Pawis Tabobondung, President.



Meeting No. 27

Thursday, November 23, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:09 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: Patrick Brazeau, National Chief. National Association of Friendship Centres: Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director; Vera Pawis Tobobondung, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

Patrick Brazeau and Vera Pawis Tobobondung made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 10:46 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:50 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Anita Neville moved, — Whereas a majority of the members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development voted in favour of a motion recommending that the government support the United Nations Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People,

The Members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development should travel to the United Nations in New York in December, 2006, to encourage Members of the General Assembly to vote in favour of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

At 11:00 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/24 12:02 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Expenditure Plans and the Effectiveness of their implementation by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

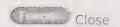
APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Jim Quinn, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services;
Suzanne Tining, Associate Deputy Minister;
Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 28

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Jim Quinn, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services; Suzanne Tining, Associate Deputy Minister; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on Expenditure Plans and the Effectiveness of their implementation by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:03 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:06 a.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The question: "That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 31,980, for the Committee's travel to the United Nations Headquarters, New York City, NY, USA in December 2006 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee" was put and was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 4.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the committee invite the Cree-Naskapi Commission to appear before the committee to outline their findings and recommendations from the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the committee invite the Correctional Investigator to appear and report on his findings and recommendations with regards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people from the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from Roger Valley, M.P. on the circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation on December 5, 2006.

At 10:55 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/11/28 2:22 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Petit for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk;

WITNESSES:

House of Commons:
Roger Valley, Kenora.



Meeting No. 29

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Daniel Petit for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Joann Garbig, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: House of Commons: Roger Valley, Kenora.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, October 18, 2006, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-292, An Act to implement the Kelowna Accord.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the preamble and Clause 1 are postponed.

The Chair calls Clause 2.

Clause 2 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 3 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The Short Title carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The Preamble carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The Title carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

The Bill carried on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Gary Merasty, Anita Neville, Todd Russell, — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Daniel Petit, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth — 4.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 9:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 9:13 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

Roger Valley made a statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee cancel its plan to travel to the United Nations in New York.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from Robert Morales, Chief Negociator for the Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group on the BC Treaty Process.

It was agreed. — That the Committee hear Senior Officials from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development responsible for Ontario, on the circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

At 10:27 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine Clerk of the Committee

2006/12/05 1:57 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 30

Thursday, December 7, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the BC Treaty Process.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daniel Petit for Steven Blaney, and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Christine Cram, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Robert Howsam, Former Regional Director General, Ontario Region.

Hul'qumi'um Treaty Group:
Robert Morales, Chief Negotiator.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Deborah Richardson, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region.



Meeting No. 30

Thursday, December 7, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day. in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Daniel Petit for Steven Blaney and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Christine Cram, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Robert Howsam, Former Regional Director General, Ontario Region. Hul'qumi'um Treaty Group: Robert Morales, Chief Negotiator. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Deborah Richardson, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the BC Treaty Process.

Robert Morales made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

Robert Howsam made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 10:02 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 10:04 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:05 a.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear from Chief Charlie Pascal of the Pikangikum First Nation.

At 11:04 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/12/07 4:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Valley.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Pikangikum First Nation:

Charlene Desrochers, Member, Constance Lake First Nation; Joseph Eliot Magnet, Barrister.



Meeting No. 31

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 9:10 a.m. this day. in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Associate Members present: Roger Valley.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Pikangikum First Nation: Charlene Desrochers, Member, Constance Lake First Nation; Joseph Eliot Magnet, Barrister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

The witnesses made a statements and answered questions.

At 10:00 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:07 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Chair write the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development asking him to take immediate action based on the information he will have received following the visit by Department Officials planned for December 13 to Pikangikum and that the Committee be kept informed.

It was agreed, — That the Chair thank Chief Charlie Pascal of the Pikangikum First Nation for the invitation to visit his community and inform him that the Committee will ask the Minister to take immediate action based on the information he will have received following the visit by Department Officials planned for December 13 to Pikangikum and that the Committee be kept informed and that the Committee will reexamine the invitation to visit his community upon return of the House in 2007.

At 11:01 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2006/12/13 3:25 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 32

Tuesday, January 30, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Gary Merasty and Bradley R. Trost for Rod Bruinooge.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure discuss a focus for the study on Housing, and that the main Committee consider its recommendations and discuss appropriate witnesses at its meeting on February 6, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear officials from Statistics Canada and representatives from the First Nations Statistical Institutute at its meeting on February 6, 2007, and from officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and Health Canada at its meeting on February 13, 2007, in relation to its study of Housing.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear officials from the Office of the Auditor General and from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada at its meeting on February 8, 2007, in relation to its study of the BC Treaty Process.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Gary Merasty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Correctional Investigator:
Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator;
Ed McIsaac, Executive Director.

Cree-Naskapi Commission:

Richard Saunders, Chairman; Philip Awashish, Commissioner; Robert Kanatewat, Commissioner; Brian Shawana, Director General.



Meeting No. 33

Thursday, February 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:11 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Gary Merasty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Correctional Investigator: Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator; Ed McIsaac, Executive Director. Cree-Naskapi Commission: Richard Saunders, Chairman; Philip Awashish, Commissioner; Robert Kanatewat, Commissioner; Brian Shawana, Director General.

On motion of Todd Norman Russell, it was agreed, — That the Clerk arrange for a working meal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

Howard Sapers made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:15 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

Richard Saunders, Robert Kanatewat and Philip Awashish made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 1:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/01 4:49 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Aboriginal Housing.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Gary Merasty,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Statistics Canada:

Rosemary Bender, Director General, Social and Demographic Statistics:

Marie Patry, Assistant Director, Aboriginal Data, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division.



Meeting No. 34

Tuesday, February 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Gary Merasty, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Statistics Canada: Rosemary Bender, Director General, Social and Demographic Statistics; Marie Patry, Assistant Director, Aboriginal Data, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Aboriginal Housing.

Rosemary Bender made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:06 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study on Post-Secondary Education.

The Committee resumed consideration of a draft report.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:35 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

On motion of Harold Albrecht, it was agreed, — That the draft report, as amended, be adopted; that the Chair present the report to the House; that the Chair, Clerk, and Analysts be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report; and that, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its FOURTH REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Monday, February 5, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. That the study on Housing consist of the planned briefings by departmental officials, and that the briefings take the form of a status report focussing on progress made to date, and relevant future plans.
- 2. That the Committee undertake a study on child welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN MAYES

Chair

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the Fourth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/07 1:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study of the British Columbia Treaty Process.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Jerome Berthelette, Principal;
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Jeff Goldie, Executive Director, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office,
British Columbia;
Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian
Government.



Meeting No. 35

Thursday, February 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Jerome Berthelette, Principal; Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Jeff Goldie, Executive Director, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office, British Columbia; Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the British Columbia Treaty Process.

Ronnie Campbell and Michel Roy made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the committee invite officials from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to appear before the committee to respond to the findings and recommendations from the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Commission" the following: "and that the Committee keep a list of its past studies and activities that could benefit from similar follow-up meetings, to be brought forward by committee members as Notices of Motion".

On motion of Jean Crowder, it was agreed, — That the committee invite officials from the Department of Public Safety to appear before the committee to respond to the findings and recommendations with regards to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people from the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

Marc Lemay moved. — That the Committee receive a report from officials at the Department of Indian Attairs and Northern Development, every six weeks, on the situation in Pikangikum, Kashechewan and Kitcisakik.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Gary Merasty, it was agreed, — That the Committee receive a written and oral report from officials at the Department of Indian and Northern Development, within two months, on the situation in Pikangikum. Kashechewan and Kitcisakik, recognizing that the Committee has only studied the Pikangikum location.

At 1:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/09 1:56 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Aboriginal Housing.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Claire Dansereau, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socioeconomic Policy and Regional Operations; Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal

Interlocutor;
Marc Brooks, Director General, Community Development Branch.

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Sharon Matthews, Vice-President, Assisted Housing; Deborah Taylor, Director, Aboriginal Housing.

Department of Health:

Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.



Meeting No. 36

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. in a video recorded session this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Claire Dansereau, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations; Fred Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Office of the Federal Interlocutor; Marc Brooks, Director General, Community Development Branch. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Sharon Matthews, Vice-President, Assisted Housing; Deborah Taylor, Director, Aboriginal Housing. Department of Health: Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Aboriginal Housing.

Claire Dansereau, Sharon Matthews and Ian Potter made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Committee discuss future business at Thursday's meeting.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/14 2:50 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 15, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 37

Thursday, February 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the analysts prepare a summary report of the recommendations from past reports on Housing issues, for the committee's review next week in relation to its study of Housing.

It was agreed, — That the committee devote next week's meetings to appearances by officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada regarding the Cree-Naskapi Commissions's biennial report as well as for a briefing on progress in Pikangikum, and by officials from Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada regarding the Annual Report of the Correctional Investigator .

It was agreed, — That members of the committee submit to either the Chair or the Clerk their recommendations for witnesses and a focus for the committee's study of child welfare.

At 12:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/15 3:49 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Committee: Bonnie Charron.

Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Merasty for Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government;

Terry Sewell, Director General, Implementation Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector.



Meeting No. 38

Tuesday, February 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Gary Merasty for Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michel Roy, Assistant Deputy Minister, Claims and Indian Government; Terry Sewell, Director General, Implementation Branch, Claims and Indian Government Sector.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on the 2006 Report of the Cree-Naskapi Commission.

Michel Roy made an opening statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:19 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the analyst redraft the Summary of Recommendations for the Committee's study of Housing, by extracting the recommendations on social housing, and on alternate ownership models including the funding mechanisms required to facilitate such transitions.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/21 10:40 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Committee on [date referred]], the Committee [commenced / resumed] its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing on the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Larry Bagnell,

Wayne Marston for Jean Crowder, Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Anita Neville, and Roger Valley for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Christine Cram, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations;

Deborah Richardson, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region;

James Cutfeet, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Ontario Region.

Correctional Service Canada:

Don Demers, Senior Deputy Commissioner;

Ross Toller, Assistant Commissioner, Correctional Operations and Programs;

Diane Zilkowsky, Acting Director General, Aboriginal Initiatives.

Christine Cram and Deborah Richardson made statements and answered questions.

Don Demers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 39

Thursday, February 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Hon. Larry Bagnell, Wayne Marston for Jean Crowder, Hon. Joe McGuire for Hon. Anita Neville and Roger Valley for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Christine Cram, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Deborah Richardson, Acting Regional Director General, Ontario Region; James Cutfeet, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, Ontario Region. Correctional Service Canada: Don Demers, Senior Deputy Commissioner; Ross Toller, Assistant Commissioner, Correctional Operations and Programs; Diane Zilkowsky, Acting Director General, Aboriginal Initiatives.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its consideration of circumstances faced by the Pikangikum First Nation.

Christine Cram and Deborah Richardson made statements and answered questions.

At 12:03, the sitting was suspended.

At 12:09, the sitting resumed.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed a briefing on the Annual Report of the Office of the Correctional Investigator 2005-2006.

Don Demers made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

On motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That no meeting be held on March 1, 2007, due to a conflict with an event related to the International Polar Year 2007-2008.

At 12:57 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2007/02/23 10:25 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 40

Tuesday, February 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 11:14 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Todd Norman Russell and Brian Murphy for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That in relation to its study of housing, the committee proceed with Option One in the Summary Planning Document and prepare a draft motion as a report.

It was agreed, — That the committee consider the draft report on housing on March 22, 2007.

It was agreed, — That the committee invite the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs to appear on March 20, 2007, with their respective Deputy Ministers, in relation to the committee's study of Supplementary Estimates (B).

It was agreed, — That a steering committee meeting be held the week of March 19 - 23, 2007, to discuss the committee's study of Bill C-44.

It was agreed, — That the clerk invite preliminary witnesses on Bill C-44 from the basic witness list.

It was agreed, — That the committee commence its study of child welfare after its study of Bill C-44.

It was agreed, — That amendments to Bill C-44 be submitted to the Clerk of the Committee 48 hours prior to clause by clause consideration.

At 12:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/02/28 4:17 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2006-07: Votes 1b, 10b, 20b, 45b, 52b and 54b under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister;

Peter Traversy, Acting Chief Financial Officer;

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister;

Gina Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada.



Meeting No. 41

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister; Peter Traversy, Acting Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Gina Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2006-07: Votes 1b, 10b, 20b, 45b, 52b and 54b under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Michael Wernick and Peter Harrison made opening statements and, with Gina Wilson, answered questions.

At 12:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/20 4:41 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 22, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee [commenced / resumed] its study on Aboriginal Housing.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Lake for Steven Blaney.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Merasty.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch;

Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction.



Meeting No. 42

Thursday, March 22, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:04 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Mike Lake for Steven Blaney.

Other Members present: Gary Merasty.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Christine Aubin, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch; Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Chair called Clause 1.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:20 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:30 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 7, 2006, the Committee resumed its study on Aboriginal Housing.

The Committee commenced consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the report to the House.

It was agreed, — That the Chair, Clerk and analyst be authorized to make such grammatical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

It was agreed. — That, pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to the report.

At 12:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/23 3:02 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Gaudet for Yvon Lévesque, and Tina Keeper for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Lynda Price, Chief, Ulkatcho First Nation; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel.



Meeting No. 43

Thursday, March 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Roger Gaudet for Yvon Lévesque and Tina Keeper for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Lynda Price, Chief, Ulkatcho First Nation; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Phil Fontaine and Lynda Price made opening statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:45 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

The Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its FIFTH REPORT:

Your Subcommittee met on Tuesday, March 27, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. Hearings on C-44 be initially planned through to the adjournment week in May.
- 2. The Clerk and Analyst, in consultation with the Chair, aim to group 3 or 4 witnesses per meeting from the following lists: the Basic Witness list, the list of groups that have requested an appearance, and the list of suggestions received from members.
- 3. That the planned hearings take into account witness representation by region, as well as size and type of community/group being represented.

- 4. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, prepare a draft budget respecting these hearings for Bill C-44 for consideration by the main Committee on Thursday, March 29th.
- 5. That the draft budget for Bill C-44 include working meals.
- 6. That the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair, issue a news release to announce the Committee's study of Bill C-44, and to invite the public to submit written briefs in relation to the study no later than May 1st, 2007.
- 7. That officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada be invited to appear a second time to discuss the analysis of impacts and costs related to Bill C-44.
- 8. That the Minister and Deputy Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada be invited to appear for 2 hours before May 29th, 2007, in relation to the Committee's study of the Main Estimates.
- 9. That the Clerk circulate a planning calendar in early April to keep committee members informed of planned hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Mayes

Chair

It was agreed. — That the Fifth report of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be adopted.

It was agreed. — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 99, 450, for the period of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 1:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/03/29 4:44 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Quebec Native Women Association: Ellen Gabriel, President.

Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President.



Meeting No. 44

Tuesday, April 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Quebec Native Women Association: Ellen Gabriel, President. Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Ellen Gabriel and Beverley Jacobs made opening statements.

At 11:32 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:25 p.m., the sitting resumed.

It was agreed, — That the witnesses be rescheduled as early as possible.

At 12:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/17 2:21 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 45

Thursday, April 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Larry Bagnell, Irene Mathyssen for Jean Crowder, and Chris Warkentin for Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Human Rights Commission:

Harvey Goldberg, Team Leader, Strategic Initiatives, Knowledge Centre:

Hélène Goulet, Secretary General;

Sherri Helgason, Director, National Aboriginal Program, Prairies and Nunavut Region;

David Langtry, Commissioner;

Jennifer Lynch, Chief Commisioner.



Meeting No. 45

Thursday, April 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Hon. Larry Bagnell, Irene Mathyssen for Jean Crowder and Chris Warkentin for Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Human Rights Commission: Harvey Goldberg, Team Leader, Strategic Initiatives, Knowledge Centre; Hélène Goulet, Secretary General; Sherri Helgason, Director, National Aboriginal Program, Prairies and Nunavut Region; David Langtry, Commissioner; Jennifer Lynch, Chief Commissioner.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Jennifer Lynch made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That briefs related to Bill C-44 be treated as public information.

Anita Neville moved, — That the news release related to the committee's study of Bill C-44 be distributed on the Canada News Wire Service, including to aboriginal-specific media.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 4; NAYS: 3.

At 1:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/19 2:50 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canadian Bar Association:

Christopher Devlin, Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.



Meeting No. 46

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canadian Bar Association: Christopher Devlin, Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section; Tamra Thomson, Director, Legislation and Law Reform.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Tamra Thomson and Christopher Devlin made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 12:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/24 3:30 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 47

Thursday, April 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Tilson for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Christine Aubin, Counsel, Operations and Programs Section, Legal Services Unit.

Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:

Patrick Brazeau, National Chief.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch;

Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction.



Meeting No. 47

Thursday, April 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: David Tilson for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Christine Aubin, Counsel, Operations and Programs Section, Legal Services Unit. Congress of Aboriginal Peoples: Patrick Brazeau, National Chief. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch; Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Daniel Watson and Christine Aubin answered questions.

Patrick Brazeau made an opening statement.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 12:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs should invite the members of the Independent Blue Ribbon Panel to report on their findings and recommendations in regards to grants and contributions to First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development call Mr. (Professor) John Borrows to present his analysis of the cumulative impact of Aboriginal Case Law in Canada and its potential impact on Federal land claims policy development, the duty to consult and other Aboriginal policy development.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.



At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/04/26 3:57 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Carrier for Yvon Lévesque, Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville, and Paul Zed for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

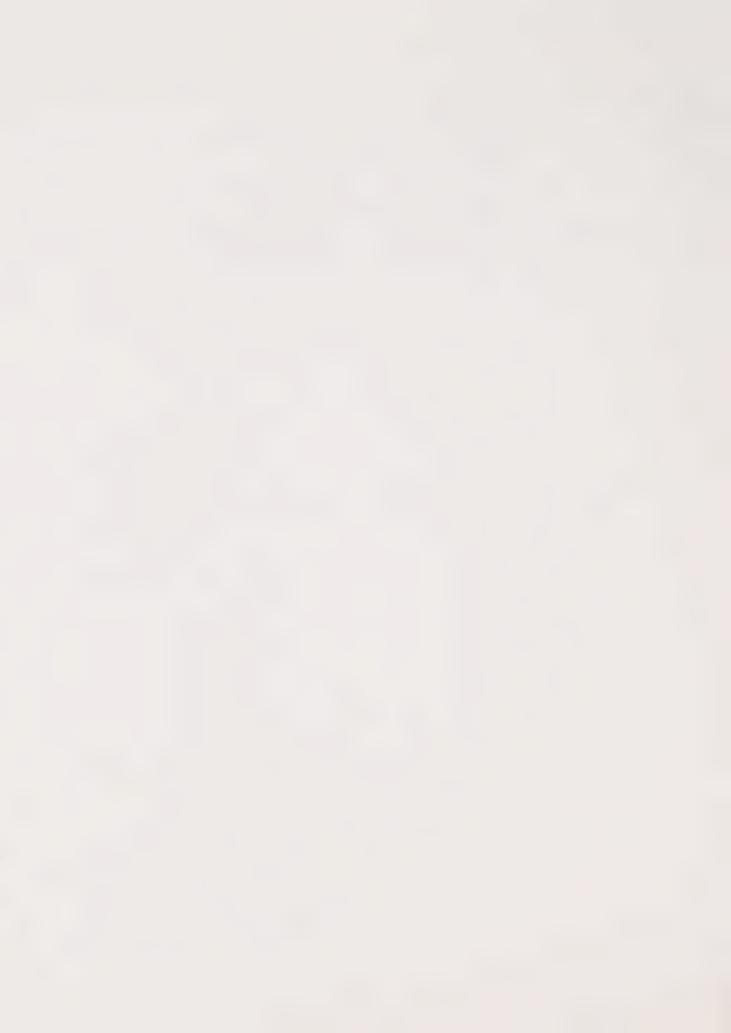
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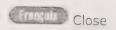
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador: Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief.

Chiefs of Ontario:
Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief.





Meeting No. 48

Tuesday, May 1, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Robert Carrier for Yvon Lévesque, Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville and Paul Zed for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador: Ghislain Picard, Regional Chief. Chiefs of Ontario: Angus Toulouse, Ontario Regional Chief.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Ghislain Picard and Angus Toulouse made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/01 2:34 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 49

Thursday, May 3, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, and Yves Lessard for Marc Lemay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin:

Michael Anderson, Research Director, Natural Resources Secretariat;

Sydney Garrioch.

Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:

Viola Eastman, Canupawakpa Dakota Nation; Irene Linklater, Director, Research and Policy Development.

Manitoba Southern Chiefs' Organization:

Chris Henderson.

Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.:
John G. Paul, Executive Director;
Lawrence Paul, Co-Chair.



Meeting No. 49

Thursday, May 3, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Yves Lessard for Marc Lemay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin: Michael Anderson, Research Director, Natural Resources Secretariat; Sydney Garrioch. Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs: Viola Eastman, Canupawakpa Dakota Nation; Irene Linklater, Director, Research and Policy Development. Manitoba Southern Chiefs' Organization: Chris Henderson. Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.: John G. Paul, Executive Director; Lawrence Paul, Co-Chair, Atlantic Policy Congress.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Viola Eastman, Sydney Garrioch, Michael Anderson, Lawrence Paul, John G. Paul and Chris Henderson made opening statements and, with the other witness answered questions.

At 1:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/03 3:38 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Nishnawbe Aski Nation:
RoseAnne Archibald.

Anishinabek Nation - Union of Ontario Indians: John Beaucage, Grand Council Chief.

Barreau du Québec:

Nicole Dufour, Lawyer, Research and Legislation Service; David Schulze, Lawyer, Hutchins, Caron & Associés.



Meeting No. 50

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:07 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Nishnawbe Aski Nation: RoseAnne Archibald. Anishinabek Nation - Union of Ontario Indians: John Beaucage, Grand Council Chief. Barreau du Québec: Nicole Dufour, Lawyer, Research and Legislation Service; David Schulze, Lawyer, Hutchins, Caron & Associés.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The witnesses made opening statements and John Beaucage, RoseAnne Archibald and David Schulze answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/08 2:53 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 51

Thursday, May 10, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Betty Hinton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Norway House Cree Nation:
Marcel Balfour.

Six Nations of the Grand River:
David General;
Richard C. Powless, Consultant.

Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President.

Quebec Native Women's Association: Ellen Gabriel, President.



Meeting No. 51

Thursday, May 10, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:33 a.m. this day, in a videorecorded session, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

Associate Members present: Betty Hinton.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Norway House Cree Nation: Marcel Balfour. Six Nations of the Grand River: David General; Richard C. Powless, Consultant. Native Women's Association of Canada: Beverley Jacobs, President. Quebec Native Women's Association: Ellen Gabriel, President.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Marcel Balfour and David General on Panel A made opening statements and, with the other witness answered questions.

At 12:55 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:00 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Beverley Jacobs and Ellen Gabriel on Panel B made statements.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That the questions and answers be five (5) minute rounds.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 1:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 1:52 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development has the honour to present its SIXTH REPORT

Your Subcommittee met on Thursday, May 10, 2007, to consider the business of the Committee and agreed to make the following recommendations:

- 1. The Committee plan further hearings on Bill C-44 through June 7, 2007, and that clause-by-clause be reserved until September.
- 2. Feminist Alliance for International Action be invited to appear on the May 15th panel.
- 3. A Western regional panel be held and Chief Maryanne Day Walker Pelletier, Chief Rose Laboucan, and Chief Sarah Beaufer be invited.
- 4. Two legal panels be held to include the following individuals: Professor Black, Professor Chartrand. Wendy Cornet, Louise Mandell, Grand Chief Ed John and Jerome Slavik.
- 5. That Officials from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Department of Justice, and the Canadian Human Rights Commission be invited to appear on June 7, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Mayes

Chair

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 2:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/11 3:09 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Ontario Native Women's Association:

Dawn Harvard, President, Board of Directors.

University College of the North:

Doris Young, Advisor to the President; Esther Sanderson, Researcher, Aboriginal Language Institute.



Meeting No. 52

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:10 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Ontario Native Women's Association: Dawn Harvard, President, Board of Directors. University College of the North: Doris Young, Advisor to the President; Esther Sanderson, Researcher, Aboriginal Language Institute.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Dawn Harvard, Doris Young and Esther Sanderson made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/15 3:56 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 17, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Bouchard for Marc Lemay.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Bezan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Winnipeg:

Larry Chartrand, Director, Aboriginal Governance Program.

Cornet Consulting and Mediation Inc.: Wendy Cornet.



Meeting No. 53

Thursday, May 17, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:12 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Robert Bouchard for Marc Lemay.

Associate Members present: James Bezan.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Winnipeg: Larry Chartrand, Director, Aboriginal Governance Program. Cornet Consulting and Mediation Inc.: Wendy Cornet.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Wendy Cornet and Larry Chartrand made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/17 2:49 p.m.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister;

Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer;

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 54

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:05 a.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister; Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2007-2008: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

The Chair called Vote 1 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

Vote 1 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried on division

By unanimous consent, the Chair called Votes 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Votes 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried on division.

ORDERED, — That the Chair report Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60, less the amounts voted in Interim Supply, under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT to the House.

At 12:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/30 11:46 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 31, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tina Keeper for Todd Norman Russell, and Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations:

Erica Beaudin, Executive Director, Saskatchewan First Nations Women's Commission Secretariat; Marie-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier, Okanese First Nation.

Driftpile First Nation:
Rose Laboucan.



Meeting No. 55

Thursday, May 31, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Tina Keeper for Todd Norman Russell and Gary Merasty for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations: Erica Beaudin, Executive Director, Saskatchewan First Nations' Women's Commission Secretariat; Marie Anne DayWalker Pelletier, Okanese First Nations. Driftpile First Nation: Rose Laboucan.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The witnesses made statements and, Rose Laboucan and Marie Anne DayWalker Pelletier answered questions.

At 12:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/05/31 4:31 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of British Columbia:
William Black, Professor, Faculty of Law.

Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors: Louise Mandell.

Ackroyd, Piasta, Roth & Day LLP: Jerome N. Slavik, Lawyer.



Meeting No. 56

Tuesday, June 5, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:13 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Ken Epp for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of British Columbia: William Black, Professor, Faculty of Law. Mandell Pinder Barristers and Solicitors: Louise Mandell. Ackroyd, Piasta, Roth & Day LLP: Jerome N. Slavik, Lawyer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

William Black, Louise Mandell and Jerome N. Slavik made opening statements and answered questions.

At 12:59 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/05 3:17 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 57

Thursday, June 7, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jacques Gourde and Dave Van Kesteren.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction;

Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch.

Department of Justice:

Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy;

Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

Canadian Human Rights Commission:

Jennifer Lynch, Chief Commisioner; David Langtry, Commissioner; Hélène Goulet, Secretary General, Secretary General's Office; Harvey Goldberg, Proactive Team Leader, Strategic Initiatives Branch.



Meeting No. 57

Thursday, June 7, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Marlene Jennings for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

Associate Members present: Jacques Gourde and Dave Van Kesteren.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Daniel Watson, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy and Strategic Direction; Daniel Ricard, Director General, Litigation Management and Resolution Branch. Department of Justice: Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section. Canadian Human Rights Commission: Jennifer Lynch, Chief Commissioner; David Langtry, Commissioner; Hélène Goulet, Secretary General, Secretary General's Office; Harvey Goldberg, Proactive Team Leader, Strategic Initiatives Branch.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Daniel Watson made an opening statement and, with Charles Pryce and Douglas Kropp answered questions.

At 12:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:05 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Jennifer Lynch made an opening statement and, with David Langtry answered questions.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development call representatives from the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) back to Committee to present their comments on the proceedings and presentations that have been put forth before this committee on Bill C-44.

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as the group in question has already had an opportunity to appear before the Committee on Bill C-44.

Whereupon, Anita Neville appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned, by a show of hands: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 7.

Jean Crowder moved. That the motion be amended by adding after the words "Assembly of First Nations (AFN)" the following: "and the Native Women's Association of Canada".

The question was put on the amendment of Jean Crowder and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 2.

It was agreed, — That the Committee hear these witnesses on Tuesday, June 12, 2007.

At 12:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/08 1:29 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Native Women's Association of Canada: Yvonne Boyer, Legal Advisor; Mary Eberts, Legal Advisor.

Assembly of First Nations:

Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Richard Jock, Chief Executive Officer; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel; Lisa Abbott, Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Policy, Planning and Law.



Meeting No. 58

Tuesday, June 12, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:45 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Pablo Rodriguez for Hon. Larry Bagnell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

Witnesses: Native Women's Association of Canada: Yvonne Boyer, Legal Advisor; Mary Eberts, Legal Advisor. Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Richard Jock, Chief Executive Officer; Candice Metallic, Legal Counsel; Lisa Abbott, Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Policy, Planning and Law.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

At 11:49 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:56 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Yvonne Boyer made an opening statement and, with Mary Eberts answered questions.

At 12:44 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:51 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Phil Fontaine made an opening statement and, with Richard Jock, Candice Metallic and Lisa Abbott answered questions.

At 1:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/13 8:16 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, June 14, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Hon. Larry Bagnell,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Dykstra for Steven Blaney, and Tina Keeper for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 59

Thursday, June 14, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:03 a.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Hon. Larry Bagnell, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Rick Dykstra for Steven Blaney and Tina Keeper for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the Committee report back to the House the following:

That after meeting with many witnesses, it is clear that greater consultation was needed on the repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act before legislation was introduced in the House.

In particular, lawyer Louise Mandell said that consultation involves asking the appropriate question.

Therefore, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends the following steps should be taken – as a minimum – to ensure greater consultation with affected First Nations on the repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act:

1. Appoint one or more Ministerial Representatives (such as Wendy Grant-John for the Matrimonial Real Property study) to engage in transparent consultations with First Nations through their provincial-territorial organizations and tribal councils, as well as with national organizations (such as AFN and NWAC), with a view to achieving a degree of consensus on the following aspects of the repeal of Section 67:

a. options for interpretative clauses applying throughout the CHRA which take into account: i) the balance required between individual and collective rights; ii) existing aboriginal and treaty rights; iii) the intention of the Indian Act to protect those lands set aside for the exclusive use and benefit of each First Nation; iv) protecting the ability of each First Nation to determine its own membership if it chooses to do so; v) preventing any adverse consequences to the lands and resources of a First Nation which might be caused by complaints by persons who are not entitled to membership in the First Nation.

b. options for a non-derogation clause

c. options for wording of a clause that would make it possible for First Nations or groups of First Nations to adopt their own human rights codes, laws, instruments and processes within a period of 36 months, with the Canadian Human Rights Act applying to First Nations after 36 months as a default until such time as a First Nation or group of First Nations has a code in place, providing that such First

Nations codes etc. do not prevent Canada from meeting its international commitments.

- d. options for wording of a clause that would make it possible for the Canadian Human Rights Commission and Tribunals to consider complaints made against a First Nation on grounds that its codes etc. do not permit Canada to meet its international human rights commitments.
- 2. That the Minister will ask the Ministerial Representatives to report on progress within six months; and indicate whether the six months consultation has been sufficient or whether additional consultation is required.
- 3. That support above and beyond core funding will be provided to assist the First Nations in their consultation and that this funding will not impact on any other funding currently in place.
- 4. Provide financial assistance to First Nations for the development and application of their human rights codes supporting education and awareness on human rights.

Debate arose thereon.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That the debate on the motion be adjourned until Tuesday, June 19, 2007.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the meeting do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and the results of the vote was announced: YEAS: 5; NAYS: 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the affirmative.

Accordingly, the motion was agreed to.

At 11:39 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/15 2:14 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Colin Mayes.

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson for Steven Blaney, Tina Keeper for Hon. Larry Bagnell, and Rick Norlock for Steven Blaney.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 60

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Patricia Davidson for Steven Blaney, Tina Keeper for Hon. Larry Bagnell and Rick Norlock for Steven Blaney.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Committee resumed consideration of the motion of Jean Crowder, — That the Committee report back to the House the following:

That after meeting with many witnesses, it is clear that greater consultation was needed on the repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act before legislation was introduced in the House.

In particular, lawyer Louise Mandell said that consultation involves asking the appropriate question.

Therefore, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs recommends the following steps should be taken – as a minimum – to ensure greater consultation with affected First Nations on the repeal of Section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act:

1. Appoint one or more Ministerial Representatives (such as Wendy Grant-John for the Matrimonial Real Property study) to engage in transparent consultations with First Nations through their provincial-territorial organizations and tribal councils, as well as with national organizations (such as AFN and NWAC), with a view to achieving a degree of consensus on the following aspects of the repeal of Section 67:

a. options for interpretative clauses applying throughout the CHRA which take into account: i) the balance required between individual and collective rights; ii) existing aboriginal and treaty rights; iii) the intention of the Indian Act to protect those lands set aside for the exclusive use and benefit of each First Nation; iv) protecting the ability of each First Nation to determine its own membership if it chooses to do so; v) preventing any adverse consequences to the lands and resources of a First Nation which might be caused by complaints by persons who are not entitled to membership in the First Nation.

b. options for a non-derogation clause

c. options for wording of a clause that would make it possible for First Nations or groups of First Nations to adopt their own human rights codes, laws, instruments and processes within a period of 36

months, with the Canadian Human Rights Act applying to First Nations after 36 months as a default until such time as a First Nation or group of First Nations has a code in place, providing that such First Nations codes etc. do not prevent Canada from meeting its international commitments.

- d. options for wording of a clause that would make it possible for the Canadian Human Rights Commission and Tribunals to consider complaints made against a First Nation on grounds that its codes etc. do not permit Canada to meet its international human rights commitments.
- 2. That the Minister will ask the Ministerial Representatives to report on progress within six months; and indicate whether the six months consultation has been sufficient or whether additional consultation is required.
- 3. That support above and beyond core funding will be provided to assist the First Nations in their consultation and that this funding will not impact on any other funding currently in place.
- 4. Provide financial assistance to First Nations for the development and application of their human rights codes supporting education and awareness on human rights.

The Chair ruled the motion inadmissible.

Whereupon, Jean Crowder appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth — 3; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell — 3; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Patricia Davidson, Brian Storseth — 4.

Marc Lemay moved, — To allow a reasonable time for consultation with and between the First Nations regarding repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act and its intent, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(a) recommends as follows:

- 1. That all debate on repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act be suspended for a maximum of 10 months following adoption of this motion by the Committee, in order to make possible the following:
- a. discussions between the federal government and the organizations representing the First Nations locally, regionally and nationally, on an appropriate level of funding to support an adequate consultation process, with each First Nation to receive such funding;
- b. consultation of its citizens by each First Nation, and consultation by the First Nations of one another, within their regional structures; c. the launching by the federal government of consultations with the First Nations, either on an individual basis or by regional or national organization, as determined by each First Nation.
- 2. That, once the process defined above is completed, and no later than 10 months after adoption of this

motion by the Committee, the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development resume debate and public hearings on repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act, or its replacement, so that the First Nations could either appear before the Committee to explain the results of their consultations, or submit the results in writing.

And that adoption of this motion be reported to the House at the first opportunity.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rick Norlock, Brian Storseth — 4.

At 12:43 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/06/20 2:53 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, July 26, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee [commenced / resumed] consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Steven Blaney,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Colin Mayes,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Brian Storseth.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Larry Bagnell, and David J. McGuinty for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Library of Parliament:

Tonina Simeone, Analyst:
Élise Hurtubise-Loranger, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 61

Thursday, July 26, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 11:02 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Colin Mayes, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Colin Mayes, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Brian Storseth.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Hon. Larry Bagnell and David J. McGuinty for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: House of Commons: Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk. *Library of Parliament:* Tonina Simeone, Analyst; Elise Hurtubise-Loranger, Analyst.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Douglas Kropp, Senior Counsel, Resolution Strategy Unit; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Wednesday, February 21, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Committee proceed to the motion placed on notice by Anita Neville.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Carolyn Bennett, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, David J. McGuinty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth — 4.

Anita Neville moved, — Whereas the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development agreed at its meeting of May 10, 2007, that the clause by clause study of C-44 "be reserved until September",

Whereas the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development adopted a motion on June 19, 2007, calling on "all debate on repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act be suspended for a maximum of 10 months following the adoption of this motion by the Committee",

That the clause by clause study of bill C-44, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act, should immediately be suspended until proper consultations have taken place pursuant to the motion adopted by this committee on June 19, 2007.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS:

Carolyn Bennett, Jean Crowder, Marc Lemay, Yvon Levesque, David J. McGuinty, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7: NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Steven Blaney, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth — 4.

On motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

At 12:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/10/11 11:50 a.m.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Clerk of the Committee: Bonnie Charron.

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.



OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Andy Scott.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Tonina Simeone, Analyst.

House of Commons:

James Latimer, Committee Clerk.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Other Members present: Hon. Andy Scott.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Tonina Simeone, Analyst. House of Commons: James Latimer, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Rod Bruinooge, it was agreed, — That Barry Devolin be elected Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That Nancy Karetak-Lindell be elected First Vice-Chair of the Committee.

On motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed, — That Jean Crowder be elected Second Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs, a member of the other opposition party, and a government member other than the Parliamentary Secretary.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was negatived.

Jean Crowder moved, — That 48 hours' notice be required for any substantive motion to be considered by the Committee, unless the substantive motion relates directly to business then under consideration; and that the notice of motion be filed with the Clerk of the Committee and distributed to members in both official languages.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Committee member be allowed to be accompanied by one staff person at an in camera meeting, and additionally each party would be allowed one staff person in that meeting.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

On motion of Harold Albrecht, it was agreed, — To adopt the remaining routine motions agreed to by

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this Committee in the 1st Session of the 39th Parliament, as follows.

That the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be established and be composed of the Chair, the two Vice-Chairs and a member of the other opposition party.

That the Committee retain, as needed and at the discretion of the Chair, the services of one or more analysts from the Library of Parliament to assist it in its work.

That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence and to have that evidence printed when a quorum is not present, provided that at least three (3) members are present, including one member of the opposition.

That only the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to distribute documents to members of the Committee and only when such documents exist in both official languages.

That the Clerk of the Committee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide working meals for the Committee and its subcommittees.

That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses, not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be made at the discretion of the Chair.

That one copy of the transcript of each in camera meeting be kept in the Committee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Committee.

That an organization be given up to ten (10) minutes at the discretion of the Chair for its opening statement; and that, at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the official opposition, seven (7) minutes for the questioner of the other parties, starting with the Bloc Québécois, the New Democratic Party and the Conservative Party, and that thereafter five (5) minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner until each member has the chance to question the witness (alternating between the Opposition Parties and the Government), and leaving at the discretion of the Chair the possibility to reduce the time limits of the second round of questions if time is running out.

Rod Bruinooge gave notice of the following motion —That the Committee proceed to clause-by-clause on Bill C-21.

On motion of Jean Crowder, it was agreed, — That there be no meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007, due to an event related to the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

On motion of Marc Lemay, it was agreed. — That the next meeting take place on Tuesday, November 20, 2007.

It was agreed. — That planning of future business and discussion of motions placed on Notice be on the agenda for the meeting of Tuesday, November 20, 2007.

It was agreed. — That the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs be invited to appear on the Supplementary Estimates (A) at a meeting in November of his earliest convenience.

At 4:09 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/14 5:36 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Diane Marleau for Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, November 20, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Hon. Diane Marleau for Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

- 1. It was agreed, that Departmental Officials be heard on Supplementary Estimates at the meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2007; and that the regularly scheduled meeting on the afternoon of November 29, 2007, be replaced with a meeting from 10:00 to 11:30 AM that day, where the Minister will be heard on Supplementary Estimates between 10:15 and 11:15 AM.
- 2. It was agreed, that the Blues from public meetings be made available to the public on demand.
- 3. It was agreed, that distribution of documentation intended for committee members be distributed to members' offices and/or to their designated staff person, but that confidential documents be distributed to members' offices only, unless the Clerk is directed otherwise.

It was agreed, — That item 1 be amended as follows: "That Departmental Officials be heard on Supplementary Estimates at the meeting on Tuesday, November 27, 2007; and that the regularly scheduled meeting on the afternoon of November 29, 2007, be replaced with a meeting from 10:00 to 12:15 PM that day, where the Minister will be heard on Supplementary Estimates between 10:15 and 11:15 AM and the Departmental Officials will remain until 12:15 p.m".

The report of the Subcommittee, as amended, was concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 4:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:02 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That the committee, immediately go to a clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21 so as to delay no further the granting of access to the Human Rights Act to all Aboriginal

Canadians.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed. — That the motion be amended by replacing the word "immediately" with the words "on December 4th, 2007".

Debate arose thereon.

Jean Crowder moved. — That the motion be amended by adding after the words "December 4th, 2007" the following: "after completing a thorough review of the Supplementary Estimates".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

The committee, on December 4th 2007, after completing a thorough review of the Supplementary Estimates, go to a clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21 so as to delay no further the granting of access to the Human Rights Act to all Aboriginal Canadians.

Yvon Lévesque moved, — That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development should invite the leaders of the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach, as soon as the Committee resumes sitting this fall, to explain their position on the Agreement-in-Principal among Canada, Québec and Makivik Corp. regarding self-government for Nunavik Inuit versus their own land claim.

Debate arose thereon.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "Kawawachikamach" the words "as well as representatives of the Makivik Corp", and by adding the words "on December 11th 2007" after the words "land claim".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development should invite the leaders of the Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach as well as representatives of the Makivik Corp, as soon as the Committee resumes sitting this fall, to explain their position on the Agreement-in-Principal among Canada, Québec and Makivik Corp, regarding self-government for Nunavik Inuit versus their own land claim, on December 11th 2007.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the Committee adopt the recommendations contained in the Sixth Report of this Committee in the 1st Session of the 39th Parliament entitled: No Higher Priority: Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education in Canada; and report them to the House.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the committee invite the Auditor-General to appear to report on the audit done of the Inuvialuit Final agreement.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "agreement" the words "on November 22nd 2007, or at the earliest opportunity".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the committee invite the Auditor-General to appear to report on the audit done of the Inuvialuit Final agreement on November 22nd 2007, or at the earliest opportunity.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the committee invite NWAC to appear and report on the outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by adding after the word "NWAC" the following: "and representatives from the women's organisations that presented papers at the Summit (Women of the Métis Nation, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, the Assembly of First Nations, the NorthWest Territories Status of Women Council, the Native Association of Friendship Centres, and the Pauktuutik Inuit Women of Canada)" and that the words "on a date to be determined" be added after the words "Women's Summit".

After debate, the question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to.

The motion, as amended, read as follows:

That the committee invite NWAC, and representatives from the women's organisations that presented papers at the Summit (Women of the Métis Nation, the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, the Assembly of First Nations, the NorthWest Territories Status of Women Council, the Native Association of Friendship Centres, and the Pauktuutik Inuit Women of Canada), to appear and report on the outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit.

It was agreed, — That requests for appearances be ackwnoledged with a letter from the Chair.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee in consultation with the Chair, prepare draft budgets for consideration by the Committee.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

2007/11/22 4:05 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 3 of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dennis Bevington for Jean Crowder, and Glen Douglas Pearson for Tina Keeper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Frank Barrett, Principal.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, November 27, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Dennis Bevington for Jean Crowder and Glen Douglas Pearson for Tina Keeper.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Frank Barrett, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Committee on November 20, 2007, the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 3 of the October 2007 Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Ronnie Campbell made a statement and with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:56 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

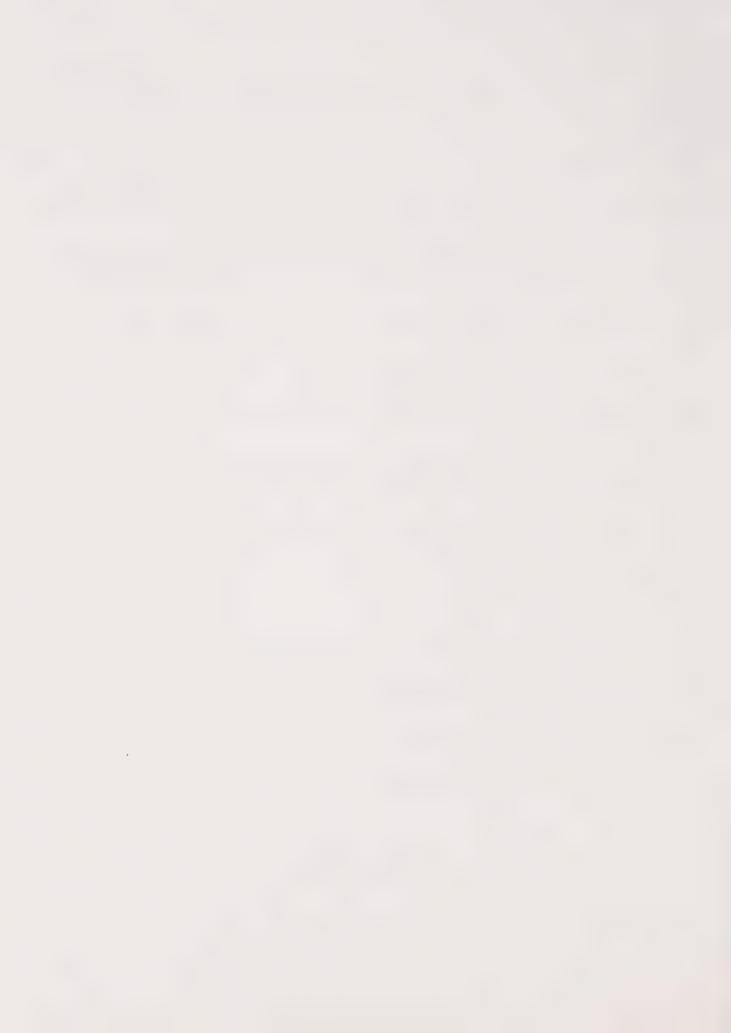
It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the Briefing on the outcomes from the National Aboriginal Women's Summit in the amount of \$10,300 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget for the Briefing on the Agreement in Principle among Canada, Québec, and Makivik Corp in the amount of \$15,700 be adopted.

At 5:12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/28 4:16 p.m.



HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 29, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commerced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 55a, and 60a under Indian Affairs and Northern Development referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister;
Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister of INAC and Deputy Minister of IRSRC;
Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister;
Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer.

The Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Thursday, November 29, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 10:14 a.m. this day, in Room 752, 131 Queen St., the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Peter Harrison, Senior Associate Deputy Minister of INAC and Deputy Minister of IRSRC; Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister; Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (A) 2007-2008: Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 55a, and 60a under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on Tuesday, October 30, 2007.

The Minister made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:18 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:22 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Michael Wernick and Peter Harrison answered questions.

The Chair called Vote 1a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 1a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 10a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 10a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 15a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 15a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 20a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 20a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 25a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 25a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 55a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 55a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

The Chair called Vote 60a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

Vote 60a under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT carried.

It was agreed, — That the Chair report Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 55a, and 60a, under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT to the House.

ORDERED, -- That the Chair report Votes 1a, 10a, 15a, 20a, 25a, 55a, and 60a, under DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT to the House.

At 12:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/11/29 4:07 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA 39th PARLIAMENT, 2nd SESSION

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wayne Marston for Jean Crowder, and Christian Ouellet for Yvon Lévesque.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Justice Canada:

Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Jim Hendry, General Counsel.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, December 4, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Wayne Marston for Jean Crowder and Christian Ouellet for Yvon Lévesque.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Justice Canada: Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Jim Hendry, General Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Chair calls Clause 1.

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-21, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 1 with the following:

"Rights Act is replaced by the following:

- 67. (1) In the interpretation and application of this Act, it shall be taken into consideration that a First Nation government is entitled to
- (a) provide programs and services exclusively or on a preferential basis to the members of the First Nation;
- (b) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the training and hiring of employees and contractors;
- (c) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the allocation of land, resources or other economic benefits;
- (d) give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters relating to the exercise of cultural, spiritual or other traditional practices or activities;
- (e) give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters of concern and priority to the community, where reasonably necessary; and

- (f) to consider and apply indigenous legal traditions and customary laws in a manner consistent with the principles of equality and justice.
- (2) In this section, "First Nation government" means a "council of the band" as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Indian Act*."

RULING BY THE CHAIR

Bill C-21 amends the Canadian Human Rights Act by repealing section 67 of that Act. The repeal of section 67 removes an exception in its application with regard to the Indian Act. This amendment proposes to not repeal section 67 but rather replace it with a new framework. This new framework would create many conditions and exemptions similar to those contained in the Indian Act.

As House of Commons Procedure and Practice states on page 654:

'An amendment to a bill that was referred to committee after second reading is out of order if it is beyond the scope and principle of the bill.'

In the opinion of the Chair, the introduction of this new framework is contrary to the principle of Bill C-21 and is therefore inadmissible.

Whereupon, Jean Crowder appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindeil, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Anita Neville, Christian Ouellet — 6.

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/05 4:39 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patricia Davidson for Brian Storseth, and Richard Nadeau for Marc Lemay.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons:

Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Jim Hendry, General Counsel;
Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel;
Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 6, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:31 p.m. this day. in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Patricia Davidson for Brian Storseth and Richard Nadeau for Marc Lemay.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Jim Hendry, General Counsel; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee resumed its clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Jean Crowder, — That Bill C-21, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 1 with the following:

"Rights Act is replaced by the following:

- 67. (1) In the interpretation and application of this Act, it shall be taken into consideration that a First Nation government is entitled to
- (a) provide programs and services exclusively or on a preferential basis to the members of the First Nation;
- (b) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the training and hiring of employees and contractors;
- (c) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the allocation of land, resources or other economic benefits;
- (d) give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters relating to the exercise of cultural, spiritual or other traditional practices or activities;
- (e) give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters of concern and priority to the community, where reasonably necessary; and
- (f) to consider and apply indigenous legal traditions and customary laws in a manner consistent with the principles of equality and justice.

(2) In this section, "First Nation government" means a "council of the band" as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Indian Act.*"

The debate continued.

At 3:32 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

The question was put on the amendment of Jean Crowder and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Yvon Lévesque, Richard Nadeau, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell - 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Chris Warkentin - 3.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That in relation to the committee stage of Bill C-21, and the meeting currently scheduled for clause-by-clause consideration on Thursday December 6th, 2007, the meeting extend from 3:30 PM to 11:30 PM if required, and that at the expiry of that time, any proceedings before the Committee on the Bill shall be interrupted, and every question necessary to dispose of this stage of the Bill, and to report it to the House, be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the motion and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Patricia Davidson, Chris Warkentin — 4; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Yvon Lévesque, Richard Nadeau, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Anita Neville moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/11 10:33 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on issues related to the Agreement-in-Principle among Canada, Québec and Makivik Corp.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach:

Philip Einish; Robert Pratt, Legal Counsel; Paul Wilkinson, Special Advisor.

Makivik Corporation:

Harry Tulugak, Negotiator, Regional Government of Nunavik; Michael McGoldrick, Policy Advisor and Political Advisor to the President.

Chief Philip Einish and Paul Wilkinson made statements and, with Robert Pratt, answered questions.

Harry Tulugak made a statement and, with Michael McGoldrick, answered questions.

Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Naskapi Nation of Kawawachikamach: Philip Einish; Robert Pratt, Legal Counsel; Paul Wilkinson, Special Advisor. Makivik Corporation: Harry Tulugak, Negotiator, Regional Government of Nunavik; Michael McGoldrick, Policy Advisor and Political Advisor to the President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on issues related to the Agreement-in-Principle among Canada, Québec and Makivik Corp.

Chief Philip Einish and Paul Wilkinson made statements and, with Robert Pratt, answered questions.

At 4:25 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:27 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Harry Tulugak made a statement and, with Michael McGoldrick, answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:20 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/19 8:22 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bruce Stanton.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Development and Natural Resources:

Mary Hurley.

WITNESSES:

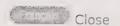
Department of Justice:

Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Martin Baiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section

Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development:
Bonnie Charron, Clerk of the Committee.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Bruce Stanton for Harold Albrecht.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Committee resumed clause-by-clause consideration on Clause 1 of the Bill.

The debate continued.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the amendment of Jean Crowder adopted on Thursday, December 6, 2007 concerning Clause 1, which read as follows, be rescinded:

That Bill C-21, in Clause 1, be amended by replacing line 5 on page 1 with the following:

"Rights Act is replaced by the following:

- 67. (1) In the interpretation and application of this Act, it shall be taken into consideration that a First Nation government is entitled to
- (a) provide programs and services exclusively or on a preferential basis to the members of the First Nation;
- (b) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the training and hiring of employees and contractors:
- (c) give preference to the members of the First Nation in the allocation of land, resources or other economic benefits;

- (d) give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters relating to the exercise of cultural, spiritual or other traditional practices or activities;
- to J give preferential or exclusive treatment to the members of the First Nation in matters of concern and priority to the community, where reasonably necessary; and
- (f) to consider and apply indigenous legal traditions and customary laws in a manner consistent with the principles of equality and justice.
- (2) In this section, "First Nation government" means a "council of the band" as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Indian Act*.".

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: — 0.

Clause 1 carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 6; NAYS: 2.

On new Clause 1.1,

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-21 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following new clause:

- "1.1 The Act is amended by adding the following after section 67:
- 67.1 (1) Every First Nation government has jurisdiction to enact laws in respect of human rights that conform to international human rights standards, including laws in respect of any matter for which provision is made under this Act and any other federal human rights legislation.
- (2) For greater certainty, the jurisdiction referred to in subsection (1) includes authority to establish local dispute resolution bodies to assist in the resolution of matters respecting human rights.
- (3) Notwithstanding the jurisdiction referred to in subsection (1), this Act shall apply to a First Nation until a First Nation law referred to in subsection (1) that applies to that First Nation comes into force.
- (4) A First Nation law referred to in subsection (1) shall come into force on the date specified by that law.
- (5) In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between a First Nation law referred to in subsection (1) and this Act or any other federal human rights legislation, the First Nation law shall prevail to the extent of any conflict or inconsistency.
- (6) In this section, "First Nation government" means a "council of the band" as defined in subsection 2 (1) of the *Indian Act*."

RULING BY THE CHAIR

Bill C-21 amends the Canadian Human Rights Act by repealing section 67 of that Act. The repeal of

section 67 removes an exception in its application with regard to the Indian Act. This amendment proposes to create a new section 67.1 which would impose several conditions in the application of the Canadian Human Rights Act with regard to the creation of legislation by a First Nation.

As House of Commons Procedure and Practice states on page 654:

'An amendment to a bill that was referred to committee after second reading is out of order if it is beyond the scope and principle of the bill.'

In the opinion of the Chair, the introduction of a new framework for legislation created by a First Nation is a new concept that is beyond the scope of Bill C-21 and is therefore inadmissible.

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-21 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following new clause:

- "1.1 The repeal of section 67 of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any aboriginal, treaty or other rights or freedoms that pertain to the First Nations peoples of Canada, including
- (a) any rights or freedoms that have been recognized by the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763;
- (b) any rights or freedoms that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired; and
- (c) any rights or freedoms recognized under the customary laws or traditions of the First Nations peoples of Canada."

Debate arose thereon.

Chris Warkentin moved, — That the amendment be amended by deleting section (c).

Debate arose thereon.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/21 12:54 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 13, 2007

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Department of Justice:

Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy;

Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESENT:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: Bonnie Charron, Clerk of the Committee.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Thursday, December 13, 2007

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 5:52 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Mike MacPherson, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Justice: Jim Hendry, General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section; Charles Pryce, Senior Counsel, Aboriginal Law and Strategic Policy; Martin Reiher, Senior Counsel, Operations and Programs Section.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On new Clause 1.1.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Jean Crowder, — That Bill C-21 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following new clause:

- "1.1 The repeal of section 67 of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any aboriginal, treaty or other rights or freedoms that pertain to the First Nations peoples of Canada, including
- (a) any rights or freedoms that have been recognized by the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763;
- (b) any rights or freedoms that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired; and
- (c) any rights or freedoms recognized under the customary laws or traditions of the First Nations peoples of Canada."

and of the subamendment of Chris Warkentin, — That the amendment be amended by deleting section (c).

The debate continued.

The question was put on the subamendment of Chris Warkentin and it was negatived on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4; NAYS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita

Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7.

The Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Jean Crowder. — That Bill C-11 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following new clause:

- "It The repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act shall not be construed so as to abrogate or derogate from any aboriginal, treaty or other rights or freedoms that pertain to the First Nations peoples of Canada, including
- (a) any rights or freedoms that have been recognized by the Royal Proclamation of October 7, 1763;
- (b) any rights or freedoms that now exist by way of land claims agreements or may be so acquired; and
- (c) any rights or freedoms recognized under the customary laws or traditions of the First Nations peoples of Canada."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jean Crowder and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4.

Marc Lemay moved, — That the Committee do now adjourn.

The question was put on the motion and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4.

At 6:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2007/12/21 1:25 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Anita Neville, Ken Boshcoff for Todd Norman Russell, and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Jean Crowder.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Anita Neville, Ken Boshcoff for Todd Norman Russell and Judy Wasylycia-Leis for Jean Crowder.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the 2nd Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

- 1. It was agreed, that the Committee prioritize its work as follows:
 - C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act;
 - C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts;
 - other activities/studies.
- 2. It was agreed, that clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21 be scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2008.
- 3. It was agreed, that in relation to Bill C-30, the Minister and departmental officials be invited to appear on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.
- 4. It was agreed, that a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008, to discuss:
 - a. the timetable, witnesses, and budget for Bill C-30; and
 - b. to consider scheduling other activities/studies on subjects such as the Census Findings (Statistics Canada), Education Funding (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada), and the Estimates, among others.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee, be amended by adding after the word "scheduled" the following: "from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM"; and by adding after the word "2008," the following: "and that the Parliamentary Secretary be invited to attend,"; and by adding after the word "others" the following: "; and that a meeting of the Standing Committee follow from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM".

The report of the Subcommittee as amended, read as follows:

- 1. It was agreed, that the Committee prioritize its work as follows:
 - C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act;
 - C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts:
 - other activities/studies.
- 2. It was agreed, that clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-21 be scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2008.
- 3. It was agreed, that in relation to Bill C-30, the Minister and departmental officials be invited to appear on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.
- 4. It was agreed, that a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be scheduled from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm for Monday. February 4, 2008, and that the Parliamentary Secretary be invited to attend, to discuss:
- a. the timetable, witnesses, and budget for Bill C-30; and
- b. to consider scheduling other activities studies on subjects such as the Census Findings (Statistics Canada), Education Funding (Indian and Northern Affairs Canada), and the Estimates, among others;

and that a meeting of the Standing Committee follow from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

It was agreed. — That the report of the Subcommittee, as amended, be concurred in.

At 3:52 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:54 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Tuesday, November 13, 2007, the Committee resumed its clause-by-clause study of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act.

On new Clause 1.1,

Nancy Karetak-Lindell moved, — That Bill C-21 be amended by adding after line 5 on page 1 the following new clause:

"1.1 In relation to a complaint made under the *Canadian Human Rights Act* against a First Nation government, including a band council, tribal council or governing authority operating or administering programs and services under the *Indian Act*, this Act shall be interpreted and applied in a manner that gives due regard to First Nations legal traditions and customary laws, particularly the balancing of individual rights and interests against collective rights and interests."

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was beyond the scope of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Whereupon, Nancy Karetak-Lindell appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the decision was overturned on the following recorded division: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth. Chris Warkentin — 4; NAYS: Ken Boshcoff, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Nancy Karetak-Lindell and it was agreed to on the following recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell, Judy Wasylycia-Leis — 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4.

On Clause 2,

Judy Wasylycia-Leis moved, — That Bill C-21, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 6 to 21 on page 1 with the following:

- "2. (1) Within 18 months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent, a comprehensive review of the effects of the repeal of section 67 of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* shall be jointly undertaken by the Government of Canada and any organizations identified by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as being, in the aggregate, representative of the interests of First Nations peoples throughout Canada.
- (2) A report on the review referred to in subsection (1) shall be submitted to both Houses of Parliament within one year after the day on which the review is undertaken under that subsection."

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the amendment and Clause 2 were allowed to stand until immediately after consideration of Clause 3.

Todd Norman Russell moved, — That Bill C-21, in Clause 3, be amended by replacing lines 22 to 26 on page 1 and lines 1 to 4 on page 2 with the following:

"3. Despite section 1, an act or omission by any First Nation government, including a band council, tribal council or governing authority operating or administering programs or services under the *Indian Act*, that was made in the exercise of powers or the performance of duties and functions conferred or imposed by or under that Act shall not constitute the basis for a complaint under Part III of the *Canadian Human Rights Act* if it occurs within 36 months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent."

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacings the words "36 months" with the words "18 months"

Debate arose thereon.

The question was put on the subamendment of Rod Bruinooge and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 3; NAYS: 7.

The question was put on the amendment of Todd Norman Russell and it was agreed to on the following

recorded division: YEAS: Ken Boshcoff, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lem I évesque, Todd Norman Russell, Judy Wasylycia-Leis 7; NAYS: Harold Albrecht, Ro Brian Storseth, Chris Warkentin — 4.

Clause 3, as amended, carried by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

By unanimous consent, the Committee resumed consideration of the amendment of Judy V Leis. That Bill 1-21, in Clause 2, be amended by replacing lines 6 to 21 on page 1 with following:

- "2. (1) Within 18 months after the day on which this Act receives royal assent, a comprel of the effects of the repeal of section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act shall be joint by the Government of Canada and any organizations identified by the Minister of Indian Northern Development as being, in the aggregate, representative of the interests of First 2 peoples throughout Canada.
- (2) A report on the review referred to in subsection (1) shall be submitted to both Houses within one year after the day on which the review is undertaken under that subsection."

Nancy Karetak-Lindell moved, — That the amendment be amended by adding after the wifeovernment of Canada" the following:

"and any committee of the Senate, the House of Commons or both Houses of Parliament"

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, the subamendment was withdrawn.

Marc Lemay moved, — That the amendment be amended by replacing the words "18 mor words "5 years"

After debate, the question was put on the subamendment of Marc Lemay and it was agreed

The question was put on the amendment of Judy Wasylycia-Leis, as amended, and it was

Clause 2, as amended, carried.

On new Clause 4,

Anita Neville moved, -- That Bill C-21 be amended by adding after line 4 on page 2 the f clause:

"4. The Government of Canada, together with the appropriate organizations representing Nations peoples of Canada, shall, within the period referred to in section 3, undertake a sidentify the extent of the preparation, capacity and fiscal and human resources that will be order for First Nations communities and organizations to comply with the *Canadian Hum*. The Government of Canada shall report to both Houses of Parliament on the findings of the before the expiration of the period referred to in section 3."

Debate arose thereon.

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uinoogquestion was put on the amendment of Anita Neville and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: S: 7: NAYS: 4.

Clause 4, as amended, carried.

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airs and ERED, — That Bill C-21, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

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06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 4, 2008

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Monday, February 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 4:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Mervin Tweed for Brian Storseth.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the 3rd Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

That the AFN and Grand Chief Phil Fontaine be invited to appear on Monday, February 11, 2008; followed by panels of regional and provincial groups.

That the Clerk and Analyst work with the Chair to prepare a draft work plan for witnesses, to be discussed by the Committee next Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

That Committee Members submit any witness suggestions to the Clerk as soon as possible.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee, prepare a draft budget regarding the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards and present it to the Committee for consideration.

It was agreed, — That debate resume on the motion under consideration next Wednesday, February 13, 2008.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/05 3:51 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Sylvia Duquette, Executive Director, Specific Claims Reform Initiative;

Robert Winogron, Senior Counsel.

Angela Crandall
Clerk of the Committee



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Sylvia Duquette, Executive Director, Specific Claims Reform Initiative; Robert Winogron, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Minister made a statement and, with Sylvia Duquette and Robert Winogron, answered questions.

At 4:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Angela Crandall Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/07 3:55 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Anita Neville, and Alan Tonks for Todd Norman Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Close

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Anita Neville and Alan Tonks for Todd Norman Russell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That National Chief Phil Fontaine and representatives of the Assembly of First Nations be invited to appear in relation to Bill C-30 on a date still to be determined, but after the initial provincial territorial organizations.

It was agreed, — That five provincial territorial panels be held in relation to Bill C-30 before the March adjournment break, to be composed of those groups considered and selected at today's meeting.

It was agreed, — That a meeting on Supplementary Estimates be held prior to the March adjournment break.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk prepare a draft budget for the Committee's study of Bill C-30 based on today's discussions.

It was agreed, — That a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be held in early March.

It was agreed, — That the meeting on March 31, 2008 be reserved as a potential makeup meeting for those witnesses unable to appear on their provincial territorial panel.

It was agreed, — That the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Committee attend the National Aboriginal Achievement Awards on March 7, 2008, and that the clerk prepare a draft budget in consultation with the Chair based on the terms presented in Budget Option 1.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The debate continued on the motion of Jean Crowder which read as follows:

That the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development report to the House of

Commons the following motion: That the Committee endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 13 September 2007, and calls upon the Parliament and Government of Canada to implement fully the standards contained therein.

It was agreed. That the debate on the motion be adjourned until another meeting, to be determined. At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/14 3:58 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Jean Crowder.

Meeting No. 14

Monday, February 25, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Anita Neville, and Brent St. Denis for Tina Keeper.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ken Epp and Bradley R. Trost.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

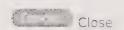
WITNESSES:

Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs:

Debbie Abbott, Director, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council.

Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs:
Jody Woods, Research Director.

Debbie Abbott made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.



Meeting No. 14

Monday, February 25, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Vice-Chair, Jean Crowder, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Hon. Anita Neville and Brent St. Denis for Tina Keeper.

Associate Members present: Ken Epp and Bradley R. Trost.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs: Debbie Abbott, Director, Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council. Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs: Jody Woods, Research Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Debbie Abbott made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget [Budget A: Bill C-30] in the amount of \$ 130,200, for the period February-March 2008, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget [Budget B: Aboriginal Achievement Awards Gala] in the amount of \$ 1,997, for the Committee's travel to Toronto on March 7, 2008 be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

It was agreed, — That attendees be either Members or Associate Members of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron

Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/26 3:53 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Union of Ontario Indians:

Eliza Montour, Treaty Research Council;

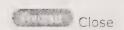
Deputy Grand Chief Glen Hare.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation:

Luke Hunter, Research Director, Land Rights and Treaty Research.

Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians: Grand Chief Denise Stonefish.

Glen Hare, Luke Hunter, and Denise Stonefish made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.



Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, February 27, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Union of Ontario Indians: Eliza Montour, Treaty Research Council; Deputy Grand Chief Glen Hare. Nishnawbe Aski Nation: Luke Hunter, Research Director, Land Rights and Treaty Research. Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians: Grand Chief Denise Stonefish.

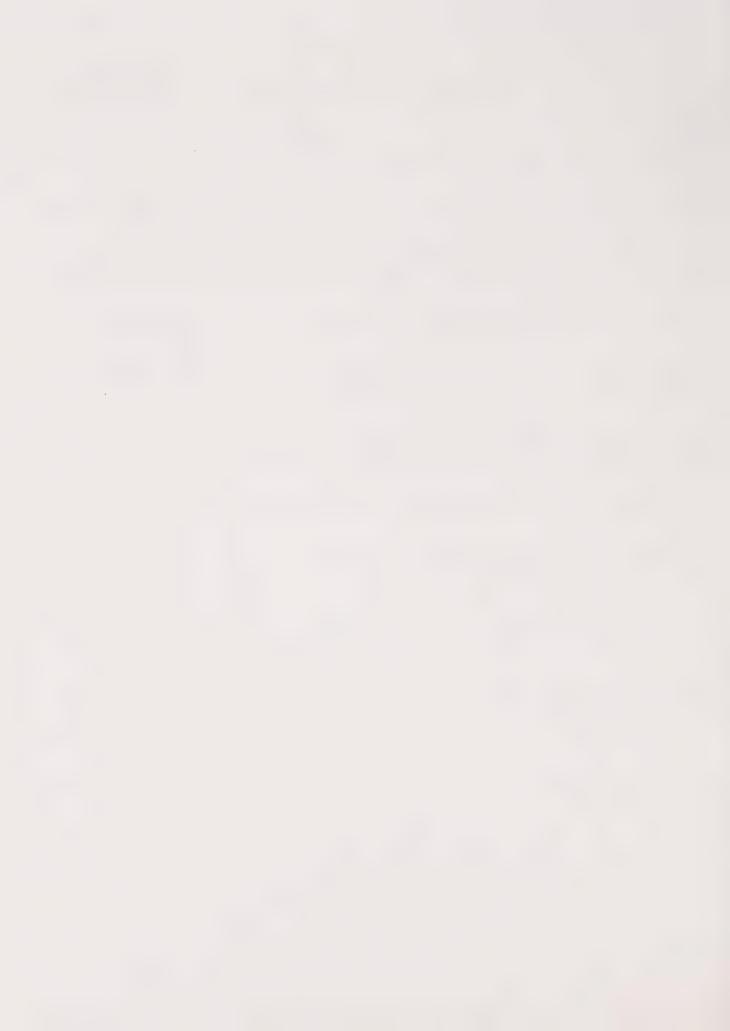
Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Glen Hare, Luke Hunter, and Denise Stonefish made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/02/29 10:28 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 16

Monday, March 3, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glen Douglas Pearson for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations:
Chief Lawrence Joseph;
Vice-Chief Glen Pratt;
Jayme Benson, Executive Director.

Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin: Grand Chief Sydney Garrioch; Louis Harper, Legal Counsel.



Meeting No. 16

Monday, March 3, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Glen Douglas Pearson for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations: Chief Lawrence Joseph; Vice-Chief Glen Pratt; Jayme Benson, Executive Director. Manitoba Keewatinook Ininew Okimowin: Grand Chief Sydney Garrioch; Louis Harper, Legal Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Lawrence Joseph, Glenn Pratt and Jayme Benson made statements and answered questions.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Sydney Garrioch and Louis Harper made statements and answered questions.

At 6:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/04 3:16 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008: Vote 1b and 10b under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Barry Devolin,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, and Tony Martin for Jean Crowder.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada; Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister.



Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Barry Devolin, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Hon. Gurbax Malhi for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Tony Martin for Jean Crowder.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada; Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer; Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(5), the Committee commenced consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (B) 2007-2008: Vote 1b and 10b under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2008.

The Minister made a statement and, with Michael Wernick, answered questions.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Michael Wernick and Peter Harrison answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fourth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

- 1. It was agreed, That Tony Penikett, former Yukon premier and land claims negotiator, be invited to appear on the Northern Panel scheduled for March 12, 2008.
- 2. It was agreed, That a makeup Panel be held on March 31, 2008, for those groups or individuals

unable to appear on the date of their Regional Panel, and that the Algonquin Nation Secretariat also be invited to participate that day.

- 3 It was agreed. That further meetings be held on Bill C-30, in April 2008, as follows:
 - a meeting with the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs of Ontario and the Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation of British Columbia (one hour each);
 - a roundtable-style meeting with the Iroquois Caucus and its members (time to be extended if necessary);
 - a meeting with the business sector to include President Fred Green and or officials from Canadian Pacific Rail. Gord Steeves and or officials from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Presidents and or representatives from the Mining Association of Canada and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, and representatives from either Hydro One Inc (ON) or Hydro Ouébec;
 - a meeting with academic expert Professor Bryan Schwartz and representatives of the Canadian, Indigenous, and Québec Bar Associations; and
 - a meeting with the legal sector to include Donovan & Co. Barristers and Solicitors (for the Okanagan Indian Band). Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller (for the Cumberland House Cree Nation), Alan Pratt Law Firm, and Ackroyd LLP Barristers & Solicitors.
- 4. It was agreed. That the Clerk prepare a draft budget for these additional hearings on Bill C-30, if one becomes necessary.

It was agreed. — That the Report be amended by adding after item 4 the following:

- 5. That Chief Fontaine and the Assembly of First Nations be invited to appear on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, to be the final meeting for witnesses on Bill C-30.
- 6. That the Honourable Frank Iacobucci, Q.C., LL.D., be invited to appear in April 2008.
- 7. That the other agreed-to witnesses (as named above) be scheduled in April 2008, and that meetings be added or extended if necessary.

The Subcommittee Report as amended, read as follows:

- 1. It was agreed. That Tony Penikett, former Yukon premier and land claims negotiator, be invited to appear on the Northern Panel scheduled for March 12, 2008.
- 2. It was agreed. That a makeup Panel be held on March 31, 2008, for those groups or individuals unable to appear on the date of their Regional Panel, and that the Algonquin Nation Secretariat also be invited to participate that day.
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Presidents and or representatives from the Mining Association of Canada and the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada, and representatives from either Hydro One Inc (ON) or Hydro Ouébec:

- a meeting with academic expert Professor Bryan Schwartz and representatives of the Canadian, Indigenous, and Québec Bar Associations; and
- a meeting with the legal sector to include Donovan & Co. Barristers and Solicitors (for the Okanagan Indian Band), Olive Waller Zinkhan Waller (for the Cumberland House Cree Nation), Alan Pratt Law Firm, and Ackroyd LLP Barristers & Solicitors.
- 4. It was agreed, That the Clerk prepare a draft budget for these additional hearings on Bill C-30, if one becomes necessary.
- 5. It was agreed, That Chief Fontaine and the Assembly of First Nations be invited to appear on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, to be the final meeting for witnesses on Bill C-30.
- 6. It was agreed, That the Honourable Frank Iacobucci, Q.C., LL.D., be invited to appear in April 2008.
- 7. It was agreed, That the other agreed-to witnesses (as named above) be scheduled in April 2008, and that meetings be added or extended if necessary.

It was agreed, — That the Report of the Subcommittee, as amended, be concurred in.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/06 5:10 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 10, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Derek Lee for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Brent St. Denis for Hon. Anita Neville, and Alan Tonks for Tina Keeper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:
Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador:
Conrad Polson, Timiskaming First Nation;
Claude Picard, Director of Administration;
Peter Di Gangi, Technician.

Union of New Brunswick Indians:
Darrell Paul, Executive Director.

Chief Conrad Polson made a statement and, with the other witnesses on Panel A, answered questions.



Meeting No. 18

Monday, March 10, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Derek Lee for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Brent St. Denis for Hon. Anita Neville and Alan Tonks for Tina Keeper.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador: Conrad Polson, Timiskaming First Nation; Claude Picard, Director of Administration; Peter Di Gangi, Technician. Union of New Brunswick Indians: Darrell Paul, Executive Director.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Chief Conrad Polson made a statement and, with the other witnesses on Panel A, answered questions.

At 4:33 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

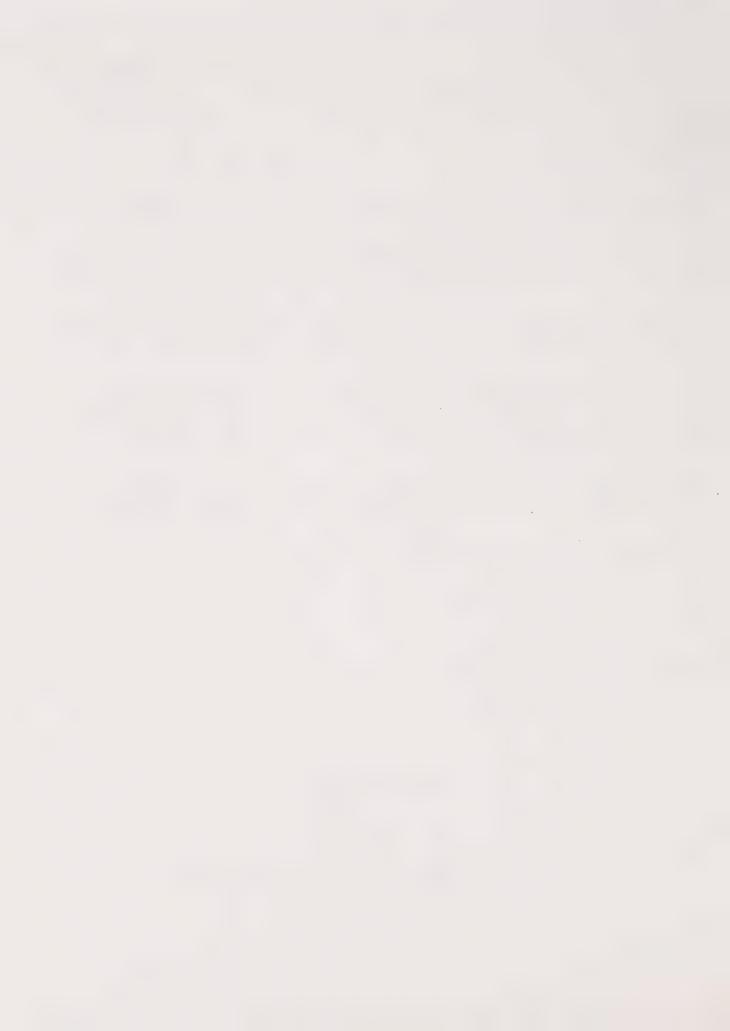
At 4:42 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Darrell Paul made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/11 9:37 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charlie Angus for Jean Crowder, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Tina Keeper, and Mario Silva for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Alberta First Nations Treaty 6, 7 and 8:

Jim Big Plume, Director, Tsuu T'ina Nation Land Claims; Ron Lameman, Chief Executive Officer, Confederation of Treaty No. 6; Ron Maurice, Legal Counsel, Tsuu T'ina Nation.

Council of Yukon First Nations:

Mark Wedge, Carcross / Tagish First Nation; David Joe, Technical Advisor.

Jim Big Plume and Ron Maurice made statements and answered questions.

Chief Mark Wedge made a statement and, with David Joe, answered questions.



Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Charlie Angus for Jean Crowder, Hon. Larry Bagnell for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Tina Keeper and Mario Silva for Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Alberta First Nations Treaty 6, 7 and 8: Jim Big Plume, Director, Tsuu T'ina Nation Land Claims; Ron Lameman, Chief Executive Officer, Confederation of Treaty No. 6; Ron Maurice, Legal Counsel, Tsuu T'ina Nation. Council of Yukon First Nations: Mark Wedge, Carcross / Tagish First Nation; David Joe, Technical Advisor.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Jim Big Plume and Ron Maurice made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Mark Wedge made a statement and, with David Joe, answered questions.

At 5:17 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/03/13 2:53 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 20

Monday, March 31, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Shawn Atleo, Regional Chief, British Columbia;

Wilton Littlechild, Regional Chief, Alberta;

Roger Jones, Legal Counsel;

Charles Weaselhead, Blood Tribe;

Rick Simon, Regional Chief, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.:

Noah Augustine, Metepenagiag First Nation;

Lawrence Paul, Millbrook First Nation.

Algonquin Nation Secretariat:

Peter Di Gangi, Director;

Norman Young:

Harry St. Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation.

First Nations Summit:

Edward John.

As Individual:

Tony Penikett.

Southern Chiefs' Organization:

Morris J. Swan Shannacappo;

Carl Braun.

Shawn Atleo, Chief Edward John, Tony Penikett, Chief Noah Augustine and Chief Lawrence Paul made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Charles Weaselhead, Rick Simon, Grand Chief Norman Young, Chief Harry St. Denis and Grand Chief Morris J. Swan Shannacappo made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 20

Monday, March 31, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Shawn Atleo, Regional Chief, British Columbia; Wilton Littlechild, Regional Chief, Alberta; Roger Jones, Legal Counsel; Charles Weaselhead, Blood Tribe; Rick Simon, Regional Chief, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador. Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nation Chiefs Secretariat Inc.: Noah Augustine, Metepenagiag First Nation; Lawrence Paul, Millbrook First Nation. Algonquin Nation Secretariat: Peter Di Gangi, Director; Norman Young; Harry St. Denis, Wolf Lake First Nation. First Nations Summit: Edward John. As Individual: Tony Penikett. Southern Chiefs' Organization: Morris J. Swan Shannacappo; Carl Braun.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Shawn Atleo, Chief Edward John, Tony Penikett, Chief Noah Augustine and Chief Lawrence Paul made statements and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Charles Weaselhead, Rick Simon, Grand Chief Norman Young, Chief Harry St. Denis and Grand Chief Morris J. Swan Shannacappo made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 6:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/01 3:36 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell,
Brian Storseth
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

University of Manitoba:
Bryan Schwartz, Professor.



Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 2, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell, Brian Storseth and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: University of Manitoba: Bryan Schwartz, Professor.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:07 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/03 11:26 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 22

Monday, April 7, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Masse for Jean Crowder, Christian Ouellet for Marc Lemay, and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

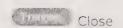
Mining Association of Canada:

Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer; Pierre Gratton, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communication.

Assembly of First Nations:

Bill Erasmus, Regional chief, Northwest Territories; François Paulette, Northwest Territories representative on the Chiefs Committee on Claims.

Gordon Peeling made a statement and, with Pierre Gratton, answered questions.



Meeting No. 22

Monday, April 7, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Brian Masse for Jean Crowder, Christian Ouellet for Marc Lemay and Roger Valley for Hon. Anita Neville.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Mining Association of Canada: Gordon Peeling, President and Chief Executive Officer; Pierre Gratton, Vice-President, Public Affairs and Communication. Assembly of First Nations: Bill Erasmus, Regional chief, Northwest Territories; François Paulette, Northwest Territories representative on the Chiefs Committee on Claims.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Gordon Peeling made a statement and, with Pierre Gratton, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed by videoconference.

Bill Erasmus and François Paulette made statements and answered questions.

At 5:28 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/08 2:33 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Donovan & Company:

Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band; Allan Donovan, Lawyer.

Ackroyd LLP:

Rosalind Callihoo, Michel First Nation; Doris McDonald, Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada.

Olive Waller Zinkhan & Waller LLP:

Raymond Chaboyer, Councillor, Cumberland House Cree Nation; Tom Waller, Lawyer.

Canadian Bar Association:

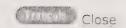
Christopher Devlin, Former Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section.

Indigenous Bar Association:

Kathleen Lickers, Secretary-Treasurer.

Alan Pratt Law Firm:

Alan Pratt, Lawyer.



Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Donovan & Company: Fabian Alexis, Okanagan Indian Band; Allan Donovan, Lawyer. Ackroyd LLP: Rosalind Callihoo, Michel First Nation; Doris McDonald, Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada. Olive Waller Zinkhan & Waller LLP: Raymond Chaboyer, Councillor, Cumberland House Cree Nation; Tom Waller, Lawyer. Canadian Bar Association: Christopher Devlin, Former Chair, National Aboriginal Law Section. Indigenous Bar Association: Kathleen Lickers, Secretary-Treasurer. Alan Pratt Law Firm: Alan Pratt, Lawyer.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Christopher Devlin, Kathleen Lickers and Alan Pratt made statements and answered questions.

At 4:26 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:30 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Fabian Alexis, Allan Donovan, Tom Waller, Chief Rosalind Callihoo and Doris McDonald made statements and, with Raymond Chaboyer, answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/10 11:39 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee . resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gérard Asselin for Yvon Lévesque.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Six Nations of the Grand River:
Bill Montour;
Philip Monture, Lands Researcher.

Oneida Nation of the Thames:
Olive Elm, Councillor;
Randall Phillips;
Martin Powless, Lands and Estates Administrator.

Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte:
Lisa Maracle, Researcher;
R. Donald Maracle, Band No. 38.

Mohawk Council of Kahnawake: Mike Delisle; Christine Zachary Deom.

Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:
William Sunday;
Tim Thompson.



Meeting No. 24

Monday, April 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Gérard Asselin for Yvon Lévesque.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Six Nations of the Grand River: Bill Montour; Philip Monture, Lands Researcher. Oneida Nation of the Thames: Olive Elm, Councillor; Randall Phillips; Martin Powless, Lands and Estates Administrator. Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte: Lisa Maracle, Researcher; R. Donald Maracle, Band No. 38. Mohawk Council of Kahnawake: Mike Delisle; Christine Zachary Deom. Mohawk Council of Akwesasne: William Sunday; Tim Thompson.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Chief Bill Montour, Chief Randal Phillips, Chief R. Donald Maracle, Grand Chief Tim Thompson, Grand Chief Mike Delisle, Olive Elm and Lisa Maracle made statements and, with Philip Monture, Christine Zachary Deom and Martin Powless, answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/15 2:09 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Todd Norman Russell, and Jean-Yves Roy for Yvon Lévesque.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

Phil Fontaine, National Chief;
Candice Metallic, Legal Advisor;
Bryan Schwartz, Legal Counsel;

Tonio Sadik, Senior Policy Analyst.

Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with Bryan Schwartz and Candice Metallic, answered questions.



Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, April 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Hon. Larry Bagnell for Todd Norman Russell and Jean-Yves Roy for Yvon Lévesque.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: Phil Fontaine, National Chief; Candice Metallic, Legal Advisor; Bryan Schwartz, Legal Counsel; Tonio Sadik, Senior Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

Phil Fontaine made a statement and, with Bryan Schwartz and Candice Metallic, answered questions.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:18 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Fifth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed — That the members of the Committee submit to the Clerk all of their proposed amendments to Bill C-30 no later than Friday, April 25, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Clerk circulate the package of C-30 amendments on Monday, April 28, 2008, and that clause-by-clause begin for Bill C-30 on Wednesday, April 30, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Briefing on outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit, agreed to on November 20, 2007, be scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Minister appear on Main Estimates for two hours on either May 12 or May 14, 2008.

It was agreed — That the Chair, in consultation with the members and staff of the Committee, investigate a possible study on economic development in aboriginal communities; and that the study

include visits to select communities in Canada and a meeting with the Nunavut Economic Forum.

hwas agreed. That the optimum time for scheduling any trips related to the potential study on committee development could be the two weeks following the adjournment week in May (May 26 – June 6, 2008) and possibly the days surrounding May 7, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/17 10:42 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded a briefing on outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Nancy Karetak-Lindell, and Roger Valley for Tina Keeper.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Assembly of First Nations:

RoseAnne Archibald, Ontario Regional Representative, AFN Women's Council, Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

National Association of Friendship Centres:
Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director.

Native Women's Association of Canada:
Claudette Dumont-Smith, Acting Executive Director.

Métis National Council:

Rosemarie McPherson, Spokesperson for Women of the Métis Nation;

Duane Morrisseau.

Claudette Dumont-Smith, Rosemarie McPherson, RoseAnne Archibald and Peter Dinsdale made statements and answered questions.



Meeting No. 26

Monday, April 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Hon. Carolyn Bennett for Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Roger Valley for Tina Keeper.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst.

Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations: RoseAnne Archibald, Ontario Regional Representative, AFN Women's Council, Nishnawbe Aski Nation. National Association of Friendship Centres: Peter Dinsdale, Executive Director. Native Women's Association of Canada: Claudette Dumont-Smith, Acting Executive Director. Métis National Council: Rosemarie McPherson, Spokesperson for Women of the Métis Nation; Duane Morrisseau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to a briefing on outcomes of the National Aboriginal Women's Summit.

Claudette Dumont-Smith, Rosemarie McPherson, RoseAnne Archibald and Peter Dinsdale made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/04/29 10:46 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: Bonnie Charron, Clerk of the Committee.

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst.

House of Commons: Christine Lafrance, Legislative Clerk.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Sylvia Duquette, Executive Director, Specific Claims Reform
Initiative.

Department of Justice:
Robert Winogron, Senior Counsel.

Graeme Truelove Committee Clerk



Meeting No. 27

. Wednesday, April 30, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin. Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development: Bonnie Charron, Clerk of the Committee. Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst. House of Commons: Christine Lafrance, Legislative Clerk.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Sylvia Duquette, Executive Director, Specific Claims Reform Initiative. Department of Justice: Robert Winogron, Senior Counsel.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, December 10, 2007, the Committee resumed consideration of Bill C-30, An Act to establish the Specific Claims Tribunal and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Committee commenced its clause-by-clause study of the Bill.

Pursuant to Standing Order 75(1), consideration of the Preamble and Clause 1 is postponed.

By unanimous consent, Clause 2 was allowed to stand.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 3 to 13 inclusive carried.

On Clause 14,

Anita Neville moved, — That Bill C-30, in Clause 14, be amended by replacing line 26 on page 7 with the following:

"the Crown's provision or non-provision of reserve lands,"

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Anita Neville and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 14, as amended, carried.

Clause 15 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 16 to 19 inclusive carried.

On Clause 20,

"this subsection, pay from its own funds compensation in excess of \$150 million, and shall leave any additional amount awarded as a matter to be negotiated by the claimant with the federal government:"

The Chair rured the proposed amendment madmissible because it intringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Jean Crowder moved. — That Bill (40, in Clause 20, be amended by replacing line 36 on page 12 with the following:

"(3) The Tribunal may deduct from the"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Jean Crowder moved. — That Bill Coll, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 17 on page 13 the following:

"(5.1) The maximum compensation provided for in paragraph (1)(b) applies with respect to each claimant referred to in paragraph (4)(b)."

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-30, in Clause 20, be amended by adding after line 25 on page 13 the following:

"(7) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, the Tribunal may, as part of its decision, make recommendations on non-monetary matters relating to a specific claim."

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it was contrary to the principle of the Bill, as provided on page 654 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 20 carried.

Clause 21 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 22 to 34 inclusive carried.

On Clause 35.

Todd Norman Russell moved. — That Bill C 30, in Clause 35, be amended by replacing line 20 on page 16 with the following:

"substantially the same grounds on which the"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it infringed on the financial initiative of the Crown, as provided on page 655 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

Clause 35 carried.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 36 to 40 inclusive carried.

On Clause 41,

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-30, in Clause 41, be amended by replacing line 19 on page 18 with the following:

"the Minister recommends and the representations which have been made by First Nations."

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jean Crowder and it was agreed to, by a show of hands: YEAS: 7; NAYS: 4.

Clause 41, as amended, carried.

On Clause 42.

Jean Crowder moved, — That Bill C-30, in Clause 42, be amended by deleting lines 23 to 29 on page 19.

After debate, the question was put on the amendment of Jean Crowder and it was negatived, by a show of hands: YEAS: 1; NAYS: 10.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 42 to 53 inclusive carried.

By unanimous consent, the Committee reverted to Clause 2 previously stood.

Clause 2 carried.

Schedule 1 carried.

The Short Title carried.

On Preamble,

Marc Lemay moved, — That Bill C-30, in the preamble, be amended by adding after line 21 on page 1 the following:

"this Act results from a political agreement between the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, and the implementation of this Act must therefore respect the principles set out in that agreement;"

The Chair ruled the proposed amendment inadmissible because it proposed a substantive amendment to the Bill by way of a modification to the interpretation clause, as provided on page 656 of House of Commons Procedure and Practice.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill, as amended, carried.

ORDERED. — That the Chair report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

ORDERED. — That Bill C-30, as amended, be reprinted for the use of the House at report stage.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Graeme Truelove Committee Clerk

2008/05/01 4:28 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 28

Monday, May 12, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 4 of the 2008 May Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Louis Plamondon for Yvon Lévesque.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Office of the Auditor General of Canada:
Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General;
Jerome Berthelette, Principal.

Ronnie Campbell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.



Meeting No. 28

Monday, May 12, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Louis Plamondon for Yvon Lévesque.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Office of the Auditor General of Canada: Ronnie Campbell, Assistant Auditor General; Jerome Berthelette, Principal.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

The Chair presented the Sixth Report from the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure which read as follows:

It was agreed, that the Committee undertake a study of the economic development challenges in Canada's northern territories, and the specific requirement for renewal of the SINED (Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development) authority in 2009.

It was agreed, that the Committee travel to Nunavut on June 2 and 3, 2008, and that the Chair, in consultation with the staff, prepare a proposal and budget for the Committee to consider on May 12, 2008.

It was agreed, that the Committee organize meetings for May 12, 26, and 28, 2008, on the following subjects, and in the following order of priority:

- 1. A briefing on the 2008 May Report of the Auditor General of Canada (Chapter 4 First Nations Child and Family Services Program Indian and Northern Affairs Canada) with the Auditor General and/or senior officials from the Office of the Auditor General;
- 2. A briefing on the Census Findings with senior officials from Statistics Canada and possibly INAC;
- 8. In the context of the Main Estimates, a briefing on Housing with senior officials from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and possibly INAC; and a briefing on progress with respect to ndian Residential Schools with senior officials from Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada; and
- I. If time allows on the specified dates, resuming debate on the motion of Jean Crowder on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

It was agreed, that in relation to his scheduled appearance on May 14, 2008 on Main Estimates, that the Minister be informed, through the Parliamentary Secretary, that the Committee requests he appear for longer than one hour, and that he not spend time during his appearance on an opening statement.

It was agreed, — That the report of the Subcommittee be concurred in.

It was agreed.— That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 82.588, for the Committee's travel to Nunavut on June 2 and 3, 2008, as amended, be adopted and that the Chair present the said budget to the Budget Subcommittee of the Liaison Committee.

At 3:45 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:49 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in public

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of Chapter 4 of the 2008 May Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons.

Ronnie Campbell made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Minister be informed, through the Chair, that the Committee requests the Department be prepared to respond to questions raised during today's briefing, by the Office of the Auditor General, as a follow-up meeting may be held in the future with the Department.

At 5:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/13 4:06 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-09: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on February 28, 2008.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gilles-A. Perron for Yvon Lévesque, Gary Schellenberger for Harold Albrecht, and Brian Storseth for Rod Bruinooge.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister;
Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools
Resolution Canada;
Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer;
Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister;
Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations.



Meeting No. 29

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Gilles-A. Perron for Yvon Lévesque, Gary Schellenberger for Harold Albrecht and Brian Storseth for Rod Bruinooge.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Michael Wernick, Deputy Minister; Peter Harrison, Deputy Minister, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada; Jim Quinn, Chief Financial Officer; Neil Yeates, Associate Deputy Minister; Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-09: Vote 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on February 28, 2008.

The Minister made a statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

It was agreed, — That the Department provide written answers to any questions listed in the Library of Parliament briefing notes on Main Estimates, that have not already been answered during today's meeting.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/15 3:30 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-09: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on February 28, 2008.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Murphy for Hon. Anita Neville, Jean-Yves Roy for Yvon Lévesque, and Denise Savoie for Jean Crowder.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation:

Sharon Matthews, Vice-President, Assisted Housing Sector; John Black, Director, Housing Needs Policy and Research.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Marc Brooks, Director General, Community Development Branch, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations.

Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada:

Gina Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister; Aideen Nabigon, Director General, Policy, Partnership and Communication.



Meeting No. 30

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

Acting Members present: Brian Murphy for Hon. Anita Neville, Jean-Yves Roy for Yvon Lévesque and Denise Savoie for Jean Crowder.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Sharon Matthews, Vice-President, Assisted Housing Sector; John Black, Director, Housing Needs Policy and Research. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Christine Cram, Acting Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Regional Operations; Marc Brooks, Director General, Community Development Branch, Socio-economic Policy and Regional Operations. Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada: Gina Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister; Aideen Nabigon, Director General, Policy, Partnership and Communication.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:38 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 81(4), the Committee commenced consideration of the Main Estimates 2008-09: Votes 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, L30, L35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 under INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT referred to the Committee on February 28, 2008.

Sharon Matthews and Christine Cram made statements and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:35 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Gina Wilson made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:09 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed. That the Committee begin its study of Bill C-34, An Act to give effect to the Isaawassen First Nation Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts on June 4, 2008, with a one hour appearance by the Minister and a one hour appearance by Chief Kim Baird, and that the Clerk of the Committee prepare a draft budget for consideration by the Committee on May 29, 2008.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 2:40 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 29, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 31

Thursday, May 29, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:14 p.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper and Todd Norman Russell.

Other Members present: Paul Crête.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the proposed budget in the amount of \$ 9,950, for the period of year 2008 to 2009 be adopted.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make the necessary arrangements for working meals (including guests), in relation to its trip to Nunavut on June 2 and 3, 2008.

At 3:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/05/30 2:40 p.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 26, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-34, An Act to give effect to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Barry Devolin,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Tina Keeper,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville,
Todd Norman Russell
and Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

APPEARING:

Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

WITNESSES:

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:
Tim Koepke, Chief Federal Negotiator;
Anita Boscariol, Director General, Negotiations - West.

Department of Finance:

Neil Mitchell, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Aboriginal Tax Policy Section .

Department of Justice:

Bruce Hamilton, Senior Counsel, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office.

Tsawwassen First Nation:

Kim Baird, Chief:

Laura Cassidy, Councillor.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 32

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:58 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Appearing: Hon. Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Tim Koepke, Chief Federal Negotiator; Anita Boscariol, Director General, Negotiations - West. Department of Finance: Neil Mitchell, Senior Tax Policy Officer, Aboriginal Tax Policy Section. Department of Justice: Bruce Hamilton, Senior Counsel, Federal Treaty Negotiation Office. Tsawwassen First Nation: Kim Baird, Chief; Laura Cassidy, Councillor.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference of Monday, May 26, 2008, the Committee commenced consideration of Bill C-34, An Act to give effect to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

The Minister made a statement and, with Tim Koepke and Anita Boscariol, answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Chief Kim Baird made a statement and, with Laura Cassidy, answered questions.

On motion of Jean Crowder, it was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to clause-by-clause consideration of Bill C-34, An Act to give effect to the Tsawwassen First Nation Final Agreement and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

By unanimous consent, Clauses 2 to 33 inclusive carried.

The Short Title carried.

The Preamble carried.

The Title carried.

The Bill carried.

ORDERED. — That the Chair report the Bill to the House.

At 5:29 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/06 11:56 a.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Barry Devolin.

Meeting No. 33

Monday, June 9, 2008

IN CAMERA





Meeting No. 33

Monday, June 9, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Barry Devolin, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Barry Devolin, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Tina Keeper, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell and Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That no meeting be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, due to the Indian Residential School Apology.

It was agreed, — That the Committee screen the documentary *The Invisible Nation* on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, for Committee members and invited guests, including the Director Richard Desjardins.

It was agreed, — That Members provide the names of any invited guests to the Clerk as soon as possible in relation to the film screening on June 18, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Committee make arrangements for a reception at the film screening on June 18, 2008, for the Committee members and the invited guests.

It was agreed, — That the meeting on the Census 2006 Findings for Aboriginal Peoples, with senior officials from Statistics Canada and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, take place on Monday, June 16, 2008.

It was agreed, — That the Committee continue its study of Economic Development Challenges in the Northern Territories with a trip to the Yukon and Northwest Territories in the fall, that one week be set aside for the trip prior to Christmas, and that the Committee's focus be consideration of the need for renewal of the Strategic Investments in Northern Economic Development (SINED) suite of programs.

It was agreed, — That an interim report be tabled following the above-noted phase of the Economic Development study, after which the study may take on a broader focus.

It was agreed, — That a work plan for Bill C-47, An Act respecting family homes situated on First Nation reserves and matrimonial interests or rights in or to structures and lands situated on those reserves, be developed in the fall, including sessions on the duty to consult.

It was agreed, — That a meeting of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure be held the first week back in September to discuss the fall work plan.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/10 4:05 p.m.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 34

Monday, June 16, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Census 2006 findings for Aboriginal peoples.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay and Yvon Lévesque.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Hon. Mark Eyking for Tina Keeper, Daryl Kramp for Rod Bruinooge, Louis Plamondon for Marc Lemay, Brian Storseth for Barry Devolin, and Dave Van Kesteren for Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

WITNESSES:

Statistics Canada:

Jane Badets, Director, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Cathy Connors, Manager, Aboriginal Surveys.

Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:

Dan Beavon, Director, Research and Analysis Directorate, Strategic Policy and Research Branch; Eric Guimond, Senior Research Manager, Research and Analysis Directorate.

Jane Badets, Dan Beavon and Eric Guimond made statements and, with Cathy Connors, answered questions.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 34

Monday, June 16, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Vice-Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay and Yvon Lévesque.

Acting Members present: Hon. Mark Eyking for Tina Keeper, Daryl Kramp for Rod Bruinooge, Louis Plamondon for Marc Lemay, Brian Storseth for Barry Devolin and Dave Van Kesteren for Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Witnesses: Statistics Canada: Jane Badets, Director, Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division; Cathy Connors, Manager, Aboriginal Surveys. Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Dan Beavon, Director, Research and Analysis Directorate, Strategic Policy and Research Branch; Eric Guimond, Senior Research Manager, Research and Analysis Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study of the Census 2006 findings for Aboriginal peoples.

Jane Badets, Dan Beavon and Eric Guimond made statements and, with Cathy Connors, answered questions.

At 5:21 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/17 10:54 a.m.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

Vice-Chair: Nancy Karetak-Lindell.

Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Harold Albrecht,
Rod Bruinooge,
Rob Clarke,
Jean Crowder,
Nancy Karetak-Lindell,
Marc Lemay,
Yvon Lévesque,
Hon. Anita Neville
and Todd Norman Russell.

ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sylvie Boucher for Barry Devolin, Rodger Cuzner for Tina Keeper, and Dave Van Kesteren for Chris Warkentin.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Library of Parliament:

Mary Hurley, Analyst;

Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee



Meeting No. 35

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

The Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day. in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Vice-Chair, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, presiding.

Members of the Committee present: Harold Albrecht, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Jean Crowder, Nancy Karetak-Lindell, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Hon. Anita Neville and Todd Norman Russell.

Acting Members present: Sylvie Boucher for Barry Devolin, Rodger Cuzner for Tina Keeper and Dave Van Kesteren for Chris Warkentin.

In attendance: Library of Parliament: Mary Hurley, Analyst; Marlisa Tiedemann, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

It was agreed, — That the Committee proceed to sit in public.

At 3:36 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 3:37 p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

Rod Bruinooge moved, — That pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development commence a study on the impacts of a carbon tax upon rural Aboriginal and Northern communities as it relates to the Committee's broader study of northern economic development.

Debate arose thereon.

Jean Crowder moved, — That the motion be amended by replacing the words "carbon tax" with the words "higher cost of living".

The Chair ruled the proposed motion inadmissible as the effect of the amendment would be to duplicate the original motion authorizing the Committee's study of northern economic development, since the concept of a higher cost of living is implicit in the study statement, as previously agreed to.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and the result of the vote was announced: YEAS: Harold Albrecht, Sylvie Boucher, Rod Bruinooge, Rob Clarke, Dave Van Kesteren — 5; NAYS: Rodger Cuzner, Marc Lemay, Yvon Lévesque, Anita Neville, Todd Norman Russell — 5.

Whereupon, the Chair voted in the negative.

Accordingly, the motion was negatived.

At 3:47 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bonnie Charron Clerk of the Committee

2008/06/19 3:22 p.m.

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